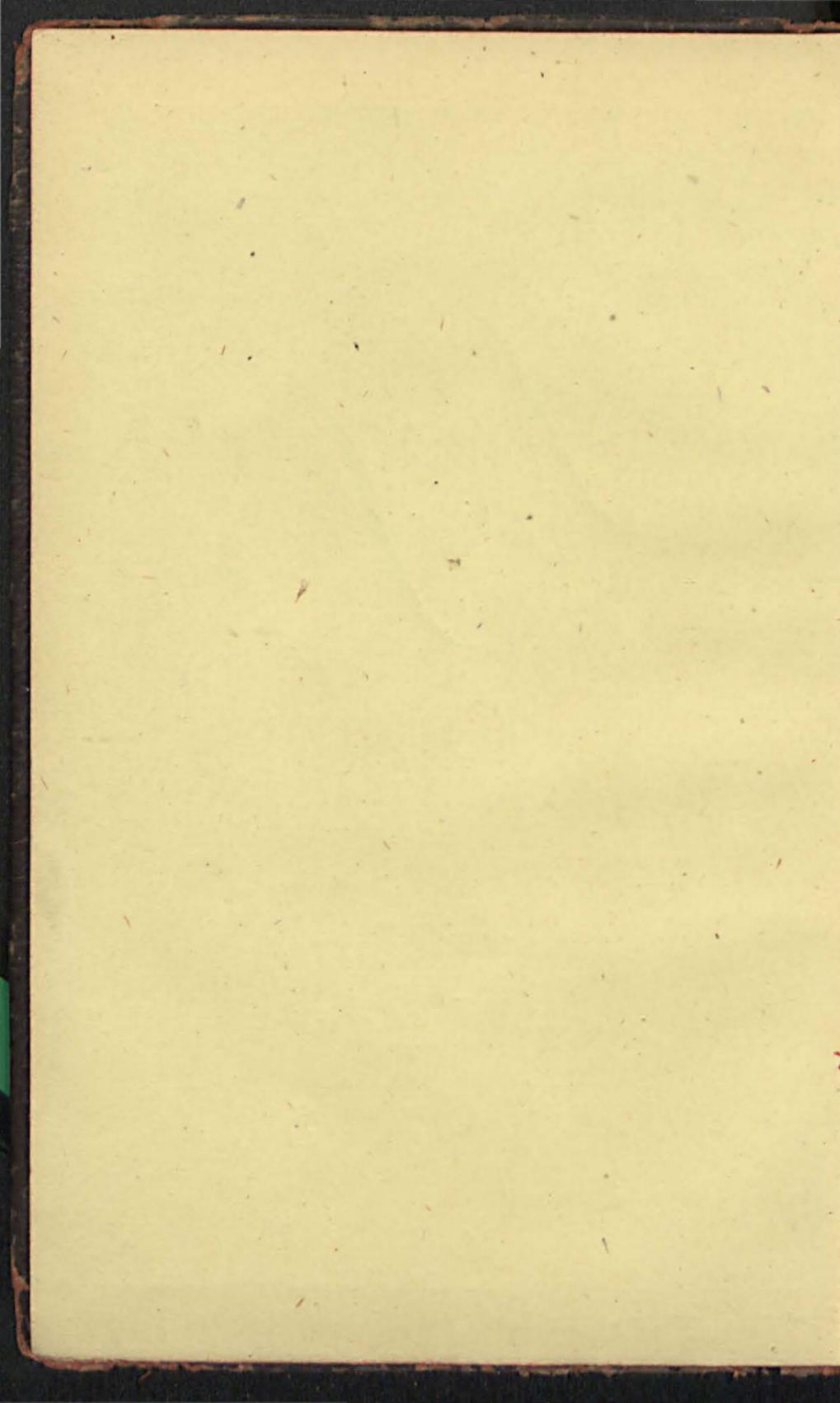


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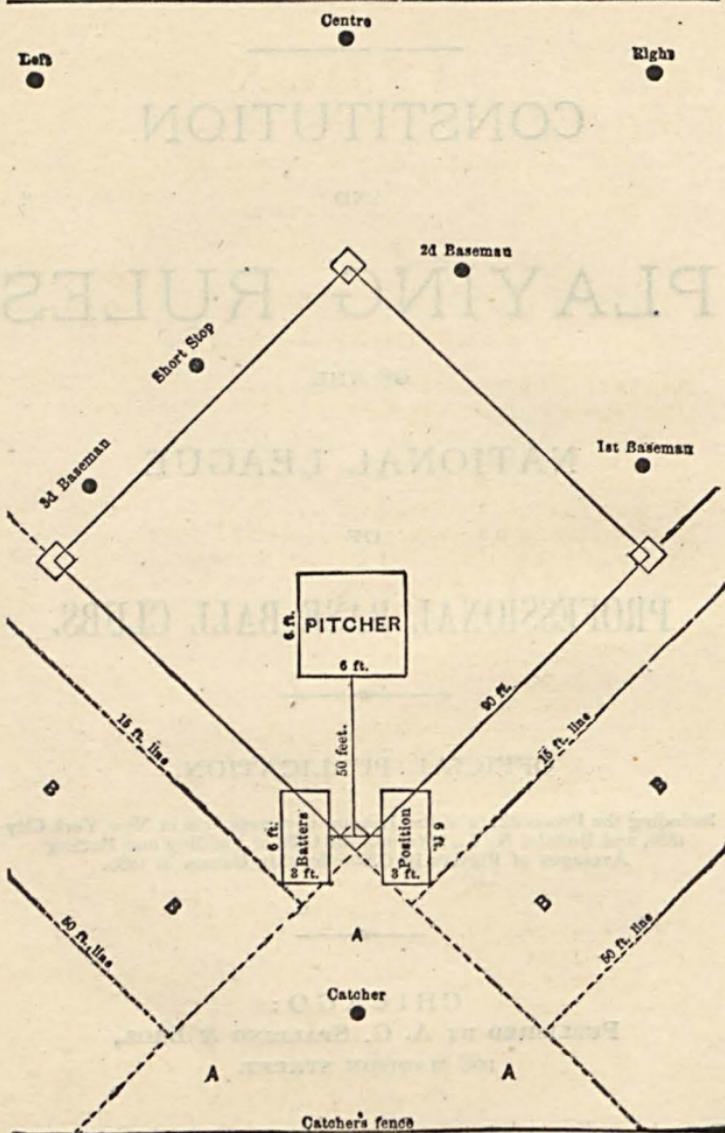
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Correct Diagram of a Ball Ground.



A. A. A.—Ground reserved for Umpire, Batsman and Catcher.

B. B. B.—Ground reserved for Captain and Assistant.

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THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS
CONSTITUTION
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ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

The objects of this league are:

1st. To encourage, foster, and elevate the game of base ball; to enact and enforce proper rules for the exhibition and conduct of the game, and to make base ball playing respectable and honorable.

2d. To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players; and

3d. To establish and regulate the base ball championship of the United States.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This League shall consist of the following named professional base ball clubs, namely:

Boston B. B. Association, of Boston, Mass.
Buffalo B. B. Association, of Buffalo, N. Y.
Chicago Ball Club, of Chicago, Ill.
Detroit B. B. Club, of Detroit, Mich.
Cleveland B. B. Club, of Cleveland, Ohio.
Providence B. B. Association, of Providence, R. I.
Troy B. B. Association, of Troy, N. Y.
Worcester B. B. Club, of Worcester, Mass.

And such other professional base ball clubs as may from time to time be elected to membership.

SEC. 2. No club shall be admitted from either of the cities above named other than the clubs mentioned, except in the event that either of such clubs shall lose its membership, and in no event shall there be more than one club from any city.

SEC. 3. No club shall be admitted from any city whose population is less than seventy-five thousand (75,000), except by unanimous vote of the League.

SEC. 4. No club shall be admitted unless it shall first have delivered to the Secretary of the League, at least five days before the annual meeting, a written application for membership, signed by its President and Secretary, accompanied by documents showing that such club bears the name of the city in which it is located, and that it is regularly organized and officered, and where the State law permits it, chartered. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the Secretary to the President of the League, who shall forthwith refer it to a committee of three members of the Board of Directors, appointed by him, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application; said report to be communicated to the League through the Secretary.

SEC. 5. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by white and black balls. Two black balls shall be sufficient to exclude the applicant, and no club shall be required, under any circumstances, to state how it voted upon such application. Such election shall take place at the annual meeting of the League: *Provided*, That should any eligible club desire to join the League after the adjournment of the annual meeting, and before March 1st following, it may make application in writing to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once communicate such application, together with any facts in his possession concerning such applicant, to the President of the League, who shall refer it to a special committee of the Board, as provided in Section 4 of this Article; and upon receipt by the Secretary of the report of said committee, he shall transmit such application and report to all League clubs, each of whom shall within ten days, transmit one written ballot, for or against the admission of such applicant, to the Secretary, and if two adverse ballots be not cast, then the Secretary shall, upon receipt of the annual dues, notify such club of its election.

SEC. 6. In case any League club shall forfeit its membership during the championship season, the Board of Directors shall elect a club member of the League Alliance to temporary membership in the league, which election shall entitle such temporary club member, without the payment of League club dues, to play all the championship schedule games remaining unplayed by the retired League club, upon the same terms and conditions as League clubs, except that such games shall not count in the championship series, and such temporary membership shall terminate with the expiration of the championship season.

SEC. 7. The umpires, managers and players employed by the clubs belonging to this League shall be considered and treated as members hereof to the extent of being always amenable to the provisions of this Constitution, and entitled to all its privileges in matters of dispute, grievance or discipline, as provided in this Constitution.

SEC. 8. The clubs and players of the League Alliance are hereby declared to be honorary members of this League.

SEC. 9. The membership of any League club shall be forfeited:

1. By voluntary withdrawal.
2. By disbandment.
3. By offering, agreeing, conspiring, or attempting to lose any game of ball, or failing to immediately expel any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.
4. By taking part in any game of ball on Sunday, or allowing any game of ball to be played upon its grounds on Sunday, or failing to immediately expel any person under contract with it who shall at any time during the term of his service, take part as umpire, player, or scorer in any game of ball on Sunday.
5. By selling, or allowing to be sold, upon its grounds or in any building owned or occupied by it, at any time during the championship season, any spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors.
6. By allowing open betting, or pool selling, upon its grounds, or in any building owned or occupied by it.
7. By employing or presenting as umpire, manager or player, any person disqualified or ineligible under any provision of this Constitution.
8. By playing any game of ball with any club that is disqualified or ineligible under any provision of this Constitution.
9. By failing to present its nine at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless the failure be caused by an unavoidable accident in traveling.
10. By failing to pay to the visiting club the amount due such club under the provisions of Article X, Section 8, of this Constitution.

11. By failing to pay its annual dues on or before the first day of May of each year.
12. By failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement or order of the Board of Directors.
13. By wilfully violating any provision of this Constitution, or of the Playing Rules adopted hereunder.

SEC. 10. The Honorary membership of any League Alliance club shall be forfeited:

1. By voluntary withdrawal.
2. By disbandment.
3. By failing to pay its annual dues.
4. By failing to pay to the League club the amount due such club under the provisions of Article X, Section 11, of this Constitution.
5. By any violation of any of the provisions of Article VII, of this Constitution.

SEC. 11. The membership of any umpire, manager or player of this League or of the League Alliance, shall be forfeited upon the disqualification of such umpire, manager or player, under any of the provisions of this Constitution.

SEC. 12. To carry into effect the provisions of Sections 9, 10 and 11 of this article, the facts in any case covered by such sections must be reported to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once telegraph the party charged with the specified offence, inquiring whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board shall at once try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and submit their findings to each League club, which shall transmit to the Secretary written ballots "For Expulsion," or "Against Expulsion," and if two-thirds of all League clubs vote "For Expulsion," the secretary shall notify all League and League Alliance clubs of the forfeiture of membership of the party charged, and every club shall, on and after the receipt of such notice, govern its intercourse with such expelled member by the prohibitions and penalties pre-

scribed by this Constitution. *Provided*, (1) In all cases where the facts do not admit of dispute (as in case of non-payment of dues), or where no reply to the Secretary's dispatch to the party charged with the offence is received by him within twenty-four hours, or where the facts are not disputed, the Secretary shall forthwith issue his notice of forfeiture of membership without submitting the matter to the Board or to the League; (2) In all cases where the League Alliance alone is concerned, the vote of League Alliance instead of League clubs shall be obtained.

SEC. 13. Any club, umpire, manager or player, having forfeited membership, shall not be readmitted except by unanimous vote of the League.

ARTICLE IV.

DUES.

SECTION 1. Every League club shall pay to the Secretary of the League, on or before the first day of May of each year, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, as annual dues.

SEC. 2. Every League Alliance club shall pay to the Secretary of the League, as annual dues for the current year, on joining the League Alliance, and thereafter yearly, on or before the first day of May, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. At its annual meeting, the League shall elect a President by ballot. The President shall be *ex-officio* chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall preside at all meetings of the League, and shall call special meetings of the League when he may deem it necessary, or when thereto requested by half of the clubs of the League.

SEC. 2. The affairs of this League shall be conducted and controlled by five Directors, who shall constitute "The Board," and who shall consist of the President and four members, to be chosen at the annual meeting in the following manner: The name of each club except that of which the President is a member, shall be plainly written upon a card, in full view of the delegates present, by the Secretary; the cards to be of the same size, shape, color, and material. The cards shall then be placed in some suitable receptacle and well shaken together; thereupon four of these cards shall be drawn successively, and at random, and one delegate from each of the four clubs whose names are so drawn, shall, with the President, compose the Board, and if any club whose name is thus drawn be represented by two delegates, such delegation shall name one of its number to be a member of the Board.

SEC. 3. No person shall be qualified to act as Director who is not an actual member of the club he represents; nor shall any club, under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board.

SEC. 4. The Board shall have the general supervision and management of all the affairs and business of the League, and shall be individually answerable to the League for the faithful discharge of their trust.

SEC. 5. The Board shall meet annually on the evening of the first Tuesday in December, at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings whenever urgent necessity may require.

SEC. 6. The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same, in writing, to the League, at its annual meeting, which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary, together with all official papers, documents and property which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

SEC. 7. Any Director who shall disclose or publish any of the proceedings of the Board, except officially through

the report of the Board, or when called upon by vote of the League, shall forfeit his office.

SEC. 8. In case of a vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence, or disqualification of any Director, the club of which he was a member at the time he was chosen shall designate his successor, and at once notify the Secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of Directors in Section 2 of this article.

SEC. 9. The Board shall elect a gentleman of intelligence, honesty and good repute, who is versed in base ball matters, but who is not in any manner connected with the press, and who is not a member of any professional base ball club, either in or out of the League, to be the Secretary of the Board, and of the League.

SEC. 10. The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League, receive all dues, fees and assessments, make such payments as shall be ordered by the Board, or by vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts.

SEC. 11. The Secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and the Board, shall issue all official notices and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationary, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SEC. 12. The Secretary shall receive such salary as the League, by vote, shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from him such guarantees for the faithful performance of his duties as they may deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of

office, he shall account for and deliver up to the Board all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

ARTICLE VI.

LEAGUE CLUBS, UMPIRES, MANAGERS AND PLAYERS.

SECTION 1. Each club belonging to this League shall have the right to regulate its own affairs, to make its own contracts, to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, suspend, or expel its own manager, players or other employes, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference, or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests: *Provided*, That nothing shall be done in violation of, or contrary to this Constitution or the Playing Rules.

SEC. 2. Every club member of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located, and of the territory surrounding such city to the extent of four miles in every direction from its corporate limits, and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances—not even with the consent of the local League club, until all League championship games on that ground shall have been finished, be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located.

SEC. 3. Any agreement between a club and a manager or player for services by the manager or player, and compensation therefor by the club, must be executed in the form of contract adopted by the League, and the Secretary of the League shall, upon application, furnish each League club a suitable supply of the printed forms of contract adopted by the League, and no player not under such contract shall be eligible to play in a League game, except that in case a player shall meet with an accident, or be expelled by his club, any player who is not otherwise disqualified, under the provisions of this Con-

stitution, may take the place of such expelled or injured player, but such player shall not be eligible to play for more than five consecutive days without the contract and notice thereof required by this Article.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of a club, as soon as it shall have entered into a contract with a manager or player, to transmit said contract to the Secretary of the League. If the Secretary shall find the contract to be in the form adopted by the League, he shall indorse upon it his certificate to that effect, together with the date of its receipt by him, and at once return it to the contracting club.

The Secretary shall also enter upon his records the names of the contracting club, and manager or player, and immediately notify all other League clubs of such contract. In no case shall the Secretary give such certificate or give notice of such contract unless it comply, in all respects, with the form of contract adopted by the League, and no contract shall be regarded as valid or binding until it bears the Secretary's certificate as herein provided.

SEC. 5. Whenever a club releases a manager or player from his contract, or suspends or expels him, that club shall at once notify the Secretary of the League in writing, stating, in case of suspension or expulsion, the cause thereof, and the Secretary shall forthwith notify all other clubs.

SEC. 6. A manager or player who has been released from his contract without suspension or expulsion, may engage with any other club twenty days from the date of the reception by the Secretary of the notice of such release.

SEC. 7. A manager or player whose contract has become void by reason of his club's disbanding, withdrawing from or losing its membership in the League, may immediately engage for the remainder of the season with any other League club.

SEC. 8. No manager or player who has been suspended

or expelled from a League club shall, at any time thereafter, be allowed to play with or serve any League club (either the one expelling him or any other) unless the term of suspension has expired, or upon his appeal to the Board, such suspension or expulsion shall have been set aside.

SEC. 9. No club shall employ as umpire, manager, scorer, or player, any person who has wilfully violated any provision of this Constitution, or of the Playing Rules, or who has been expelled from any club belonging to this League, or who shall be disqualified from playing with a club under any provision of this Constitution.

SEC. 10. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club that has forfeited its membership in this League. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled, or under suspension, from the League. Nor shall any League club play any club that has, at any time during the same playing season, played a game of ball with any other club employing or presenting in its nine any player expelled or suspended from the League: *Provided*, That in case the club employing such expelled or suspended League player shall discharge such player from its service, League clubs may thereafter play against such club, and against other clubs that may have played such club while employing such player.

SEC. 11. Any manager or player, under contract with a League club, who shall without the written consent of such club, leave its service, or who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring, or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon, shall be at once expelled by such club.

SEC. 12. Any person under contract with a League club, who shall be guilty of drunkenness or insubordination, or of any dishonorable or disreputable conduct (except the offences requiring expulsion specified in Section 11) may be suspended by such club for the remainder of the

playing season, or for the remainder of that and all of the ensuing playing season, at the option of such club; and, during the period of said suspension, such player shall be disqualified from playing in or against any League club.

SEC. 13. Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring, or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the playing rules, or who, while acting as umpire, shall wilfully violate any provision of the Constitution, or of the Playing Rules adopted hereunder, shall be forever disqualified from acting as umpire of any game of ball participated in by a League club.

ARTICLE VII.

THE LEAGUE ALLIANCE.

SECTION 1. Clubs whose organization and conduct are not inconsistent with the objects of this League, as expressed in Article II of this Constitution, and who are also eligible under the provisions of this Article, and who shall have filed with the Secretary of the League an agreement duly executed in the following form, shall be recognized as constituting "The League Alliance."

SEC. 2. FORM OF "LEAGUE ALLIANCE" AGREEMENT.

It is hereby Agreed by the Parties hereto, as follows:

1. No club that is a party hereto shall employ or play in its nine any player to whose services any other club that is a party hereto, may be entitled by contract.

2. Any player under contract with any club that is a party hereto, who shall, without the written consent of such club, leave its service, or fail to perform his contract, or who shall be proven guilty of disreputable conduct, shall be at once expelled by such club.

3. No club that is a party hereto shall play any game of ball with any base ball club whatever that shall employ or present in its nine any player that shall have been ex-

elled from any club that is a party hereto for breach of contract or disreputable conduct.

4. Each club that is a party hereto shall, upon making a contract with a player, *immediately* notify the Secretary of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, such notice to be in writing, signed by the contracting club and the player, and, *in the absence of such notice to such officer, any player shall be deemed to be free from contract obligation.*

5. Each club that is a party hereto shall, *upon expelling a player from membership, or releasing him from contract,* notify the Secretary of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and in the absence of such notice to such officer, such player shall be deemed to be a member in good standing of the club whose notice of contract with such player had previously been transmitted to such officer, until the expiration of the term of such contract.

6. The notices provided for in the last two preceding stipulations are required to be sent to the Secretary of the League, upon the understanding that such officer will, immediately upon their receipt, communicate the same to all League clubs, as well as to all clubs that are parties to this agreement; and in the event of a failure or refusal of such officer to perform such service, or his discontinuance thereof, then the parties hereto shall devise other means for the performance of such service.

7. All games played by the clubs that are parties hereto shall be played in accordance with the Playing Rules of the National League.

8. All disputes that may arise between the clubs that are parties hereto may be submitted to the Board of Directors of the National League for adjudication, in the manner provided for by Section 4, Article VII, of its Constitution, and the finding of such tribunal shall be final and binding upon the clubs that are parties hereto.

9. This agreement shall go into effect and be binding upon each club upon the date of its signature by such club.

10. Each club that is a party hereto shall retain a copy of this agreement, and the original shall be deposited with the Secretary of the National League.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The clubs that are parties hereto have, by their duly authorized representative, signed this agreement on the dates entered opposite their respective signatures.

By

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The Secretary of the "National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs" is hereby authorized to attach the foregoing instrument, bearing our signature, to the original written agreement, of the said text now in his custody, for the purpose of making the same a part and parcel of such original agreement, binding ourselves and all other club parties thereto.

By

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(See also Article IV, Section 2.)

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall issue to all League and League Alliance clubs the notices referred to in the sixth clause of the League Alliance agreement, and shall perform such other duties as may devolve upon him in furtherance of the provisions of said agreement.

SEC. 4. The Board shall, if thereunto requested by League Alliance Clubs, adjudicate disputes in the manner provided in Article VIII, so far as the provisions of that Article may be applicable thereto; *Provided*, That all communications must be addressed to the Secretary of the League.

SEC. 5. No League Club shall employ or play in its nine any player to whose services any League Alliance Club is entitled by contract evidenced by written notice to the Secretary, signed by the contracting club and the player.

SEC. 6. The League shall, at its annual meeting, receive and consider any communication from a club or clubs of the League Alliance on matters affecting the in-

terests of such club or clubs, and shall give a hearing to any delegation or delegations therefrom.

SEC. 7. The Secretary shall receive and place on file the score of any game played between two League Alliance Clubs that may be forwarded to him, bearing the certificate of the umpire of such game, and stating the names of each club, the number of runs made by each, and number of innings played, and at the close of the season, the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of such games, according to the statement so sent him (which statement shall be the sole evidence in the matter), and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall award the League Alliance Championship to the club which shall have won the greatest number of such games. The Board shall make the award in writing, and report the same to the League at its annual meeting, and the League shall, thereupon, present such club with a suitable emblem of such championship.

SEC. 8. No club that has forfeited its membership in the League, or that is connected with any organization of clubs other than the League or League Alliance, or that presents in its nine any player expelled from the League or League Alliance, shall be entitled to the benefits of this Article, and the Secretary shall notify all League and League Alliance clubs of any forfeiture of such benefits that may be incurred by the violation of any provision of this Article.

ARTICLE VIII.

DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS.

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall be the sole tribunal to determine disputes between clubs; the facts to be submitted, and the dispute adjudicated under such regulations as the Board shall prescribe in each case. The finding of the Board shall be final, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, re-opened or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board.

SEC. 2. The Board shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club for conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, and shall have power to require the club to which such player may belong to discipline him, and, upon repetition of such offense, to expel him: *Provided*, That such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

SEC. 3. The Board shall also be the sole tribunal for the hearing of an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled or suspended by his club, or for an alleged breach of contract. The matter shall be proceeded with in the following manner: Such person shall file with the Secretary a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal, and, at the next annual meeting, the club, and the person expelled or suspended, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

SEC. 4. No Director shall sit in the trial of a cause in which his club is interested.

SEC. 5. Any expenses of trials or arbitrations shall be borne equally by the parties to the controversy.

ARTICLE IX

PLAYING RULES.

The League at its first meeting shall adopt a code of Playing Rules, which shall continue in force, subject only to such alterations or amendments as may be made at subsequent annual meetings of the League.

ARTICLE X.

CHAMPIONSHIP.

SECTION 1. The *Championship of the United States*, established by this League, shall be contended for yearly by the clubs composing this League.

SEC. 2. The *championship season* shall extend from the 1st day of May to (and including) the 1st day of October, and no game shall count in the championship series unless played during the championship season.

SEC. 3. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series, between such clubs, shall be a game for the championship (unless played on Sunday), and no League club shall lend or exchange players, to or with each other, for any game played during the championship season.

SEC. 4. Each club shall play the following number of championship games (and no more) with every other club: If six clubs be members of the League on the first day of the championship season, sixteen games; if eight clubs, twelve games; *Provided*, however, that if any game be prevented by rain, or if a tie or drawn game be played, the visiting club shall play off such tie or drawn game, or game prevented by rain, on the first succeeding day (not counting Sundays, days previously agreed upon for championship games between said clubs, or days when rain renders playing impossible), unless such succeeding day must necessarily be occupied by such visiting club in traveling to another city to play a championship game with another League club upon a day fixed by the championship schedule, in which latter case only, the visiting club shall not be required to extend its stay, or to again visit such city for the sole purpose of playing off such tie or drawn game, or game prevented by rain.

SEC. 5. Each club shall be entitled to have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its own grounds, and in all the details of such

games that do not involve the rights of the visiting club under the Playing Rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club, and the visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club the batting order of its nine by nine o'clock on the morning of the day of each game.

SEC. 6. All championship games shall be arranged for in writing, and so as to complete the championship series by the expiration of the championship season. Such written arrangement shall be made by such method as the League shall direct, before the beginning of the championship season, and shall consist of a schedule and agreement relating thereto, which agreement shall be signed by every League club, and the schedule and agreement filed with the Secretary of the League, and a copy thereof, bearing his certificate as to its correctness, furnished by the Secretary to every League club. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games, and specify the date of each game, and the dates of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of two clubs, from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs, to another day within the dates of the same schedule series between such clubs; or (2) as provided in Section 4 of this Article; or (3) by the written consent of all the League clubs.

SEC. 7. The price of admission to championship games shall be fifty cents for each adult person, and no money or tickets paid for admission shall be refunded in any case in which the game is prevented or interrupted by rain.

SEC. 8. At the conclusion of each championship game, the home club shall transmit by mail to the proper officer of the visiting club, a statement of the receipts of said game, and shall pay to the authorized agent of such visiting club the sum of fifteen (15) cents for each and every person admitted to the grounds to witness such

game or any part thereof, or admitted to the grounds for any other purpose during or prior to such game, or the hour appointed therefor; excepting only players of the contesting clubs, and policemen in uniform.

The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles, the keys of which shall be delivered to the agent of the visiting club before the opening of the grounds for each game, and said agent of the visiting club shall have a right to affix a seal to the register, or box, of such turnstile.

To entitle the visiting club to the payment herein specified, it shall be sufficient for the visiting club to present its nine upon the grounds at the hour appointed, and prepared to play the game in the absence of rain.

SEC. 9. The visiting club shall pay the Umpire of each championship game a fee of five dollars, and shall also pay all expenses incurred in securing the attendance of such Umpire.

SEC. 10. No game shall be played between League clubs before the commencement of the championship series.

SEC. 11. No game shall be played between any League club and any Non-League club or picked nine, upon the grounds of any League club, from the commencement to the completion of the championship series upon such grounds; no game shall be arranged or played between any League and Non-League clubs or picked nines for or upon any "off days" of the championship series, except as above provided, and upon the following express conditions:

1. If a League championship game be prevented by rain or unavoidable accident on the day (not counting Sunday) preceding the day agreed upon for such Non-League or picked nine game, then the latter shall be declared off, so as to allow the League clubs to play the championship game on that day.

2. All such games shall be played under the Playing

Rules of the League, with a League ball to be furnished by the League club.

3. The Non-League club shall pay the League club, for each game actually played, and immediately upon the termination of such game, the sum of one hundred dollars, or one-half the gross receipts of such game, in case the gross receipts shall exceed two hundred dollars; and the Non-League club shall pay the League club fifty dollars in every case where a League club shall present its nine in the city or town of such Non-League club, prepared to play at the time appointed for such game, and the game be prevented by rain, or by any cause other than the refusal by such League club to play such game. In the event of the refusal or failure of any Non-League club to pay the sum, or sums, due, as herein stipulated, the League club shall at once telegraph such fact to the Secretary of the League, who shall forthwith notify all other League clubs, by telegraph, and no League club shall thereafter play such defaulting club until the full amount due be paid the League club, which League club shall, in case of such payment, notify the Secretary, and he the other League clubs, by telegraph.

4. In any case not covered by the first condition specified in this section, a League club having agreed to play a Non-League club upon the grounds of the latter, and failing to present its nine in the city or town of such Non-League club, prepared to play at the time appointed for such game, the League club shall pay the Non-League club the sum of fifty dollars as the penalty of such default.

SEC. 12. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in cases where the umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any playing rule of this League.

SEC. 13. Drawn, tie, and postponed games shall not count in the series as games, but must be played off, if

possible, as provided in Section 4, of this Article. If they cannot be played off as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off if sufficient time exist before the close of the season.

SEC. 14. The club which shall have won the greatest number of games in the championship series, shall be declared the champion club of the United States for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same number of games, then the club which shall have lost the smallest number shall be declared the champion.

The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the national colors), to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won; and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing season.

SEC. 15. The championship shall be decided in the following manner, namely:

Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the "Playing Rules," the date, place where played, and the names of the clubs and umpire: *Provided*, That no tie or drawn game shall be considered "a game" for any purpose, nor shall the score thereof be forwarded to the Secretary, and *Provided* farther, that in any case where the Secretary shall not receive the score of a championship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose duty it is to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of ten dollars as the penalty of such default.

At the close of the season, the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the statements so sent him (which statements shall be the sole evidence in the matter), and

submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall make the award in writing, and report the same to the League at its annual meeting. In making the award the Board shall consider:

1. The tabular statement of the Secretary.
2. Forfeited games.
3. Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs; such games shall be counted to the following extent, namely: The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall, from the first games participated in during the championship season, by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series: *Provided*, That if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

ARTICLE XI.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in December of each year, at twelve o'clock noon, and at such place as shall be determined by vote at the previous annual meeting.

SEC. 2. At such meeting each club shall be entitled to two representatives; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement as a ball player, and belonging to the nine of such club in said capacity; they shall present a certificate from the President or Secretary of their club, showing their authority to act; but no club shall have more than one vote.

SEC. 3. A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

SEC. 4. The following shall be the order of business.

1. Reading minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Election of new members.
4. Amendment of Constitution.
5. Amendment of Playing Rules.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Adjournment.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution or Playing Rules of this League may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the League at any annual meeting.

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PLAYING RULES
OF THE
NATIONAL LEAGUE
OF
PROFESSIONAL BASE-BALL CLUBS
1881.

ADOPTED IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE IX OF THE
LEAGUE CONSTITUTION.

CLASS I.

THE MATERIALS OF THE GAME.

Rule 1. The **Ground** must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these Rules.

Rule 2. The **Infield** must be a space of ground thirty yards square.

Rule 3. The **Bases** must be

(1) Four in number, and designated as First Base, Second Base, Third Base and Home Base.

(2) The Home Base must be of white marble or white stone, twelve inches square, so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface, and so placed in a corner of the infield that two of its sides will form part of the boundaries of said infield.

(3) The First, Second and Third Bases must be canvas bags, fifteen inches square, painted white, and filled

with some soft material, and so placed that the center of each shall be upon a separate corner of the infield, the First Base at the right, the Second Base opposite, and the Third Base at the left of the Home Base.

(4) All the Bases must be securely fastened in their positions, and so placed as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire.

Rule 4. **The Foul Lines** must be drawn in straight lines from the outer corner of the Home Base through the center of the positions of First and Third Bases, to the boundaries of the Ground.

Rule 5. **The Pitcher's Lines** must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space of ground, in the infield, six feet long by four feet wide, distant fifty feet from the center of the Home Base, and so placed that the six feet lines would each be two feet distant from and parallel with, a straight line passing through the center of the Home and Second Bases. Each corner of this space must be marked by a flat iron plate or stone, six inches square, fixed in the ground even with the surface.

Rule 6. **The Catcher's Lines** must be drawn from the outer corner of the Home Base, in continuation of the Foul Lines, straight to the limits of the ground back of the Home Base.

Rule 7. **The Captain's Lines** must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the Limits of the ground, fifteen feet from and parallel with the Foul Lines.

Rule 8. **The Player's Lines** must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the limits of the ground, fifty feet from and parallel with the Foul Lines.

Rule 9. **The Batsman's Lines** must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space on the right, and of a similar space on the left of the Home Base, six feet long by three feet wide, extending three feet in front of and three feet behind the center of the Home Base, and with its nearest line distant one foot from the Home Base.

Rule 10. The lines designated in Rules 4, 5,

6, 7, 8, and 9 must be marked with chalk or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire. They must all be so marked their entire length, except the Captain's and Player's Lines, which must be so marked for a distance of at least thirty-five yards from the Catcher's Lines.

Rule 11. The Ball

(1) Must weigh not less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. It must be composed of woolen yarn, and contain not more than one ounce of vulcanized rubber in mould form, and be covered with leather. It must be furnished by the Secretary of the League, whose seal shall be final evidence of the legality of the ball.

(2) In all games the ball or balls played with shall be furnished by the Home Club, and become the property of the winning club.

(3) Should the ball become out of shape, or cut or ripped so as to expose the yarn, or in any way so injured as to be unfit for fair use, a new ball shall be called for by the Umpire at the end of an even innings.*

(4) Should the ball be lost during the game, the Umpire shall, at the expiration of five minutes, call for a new ball.

Rule 12. The Bat

(1) Must be made wholly of wood.

(2) It must be round; must not exceed two and one-half inches in diameter in the thickest part, and must not exceed forty-two inches in length.

PLAYING RULES.

CLASS II.

FIELD RULES.

Rule 13. No Club shall allow open betting or pool selling upon its grounds, nor in any building owned or occupied by it.

Rule 14. No Club shall sell or allow to be sold upon its grounds, nor in any building owned or occupied by it, any spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors.

Rule 15. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of the game, in addition to *the nine players on each side and the umpire, except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform to preserve the peace.*

Rule 16. Players in uniform shall not be permitted to seat themselves among the spectators.

Rule 17. The umpire is the sole judge of play, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person hissing or hooting at, or offering any insult or indignity to him, must be promptly ejected from the grounds.

Rule 18. Every Club shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the visiting club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared; and if the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the visiting club may claim, and shall be entitled to, the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings have been played.)

Rule 19. No Manager, Captain, or Player shall address the audience during the progress of a game, except in case of necessary explanation.

CLASS III.

THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

Rule 20. The Players of each club, in a match game, shall be nine in number, one of whom shall be the Captain.

Rule 21. The Players' Positions shall be

- (1) When in the field (designated "Fielders" in these

Rules) such as may be assigned them by their Captain, except that the Pitcher must take his position within the Pitcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 5.

(2) When their side is at the bat they must remain outside the Players' Lines, as defined in Rule 8, except that the Captain and one assistant only may occupy the space between said Players' Lines and the Captain's Lines, as defined in Rule 7, to coach base runners.

(3) The Batsmen must take their positions within the Batsman's Lines, as defined in Rule 9, in the order in which they are named on the score, which must contain the batting order of both nines, and must be followed except in case of disability of a player, in which case the substitute must take the place of the disabled player in the batting order.

(4) No player of the side at bat, except when Batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the Catcher's Lines as defined in Rule 6.

CLASS IV.

DEFINITIONS.

Rule 22. A High Ball is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, higher than the belt of the Batsman, but not higher than his shoulder.

Rule 23. A Low Ball is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, not higher than the Batsman's belt, nor lower than his knee.

Rule 24. A High or Low Ball is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, not higher than the Batsman's shoulder, nor lower than his knee.

Rule 25. A Fair Ball is a ball delivered by the Pitcher, while wholly within the lines of his position and facing the Batsman, with his arm swinging nearly perpendicular by his side and his hand passing below his waist, and the ball passing over the Home Base at the height called for by the Batsman.

Rule 26. An Unfair Ball is a ball delivered by the Pitcher as in Rule 25, except that the ball does not pass over the Home Base, or does not pass over the Home Base at the height called for by the Batsman.

Rule 27. A Balk is

(1) A motion made by the Pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it, **except** the ball be accidentally dropped, or

(2) The ball be held by the Pitcher so long as to delay the game unnecessarily, or

(3) Delivered to the bat by the Pitcher when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of his position.

Rule 28. A Foul Balk is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher by an overhand throw, or by any swing of the arm or hand other than that prescribed in Rule 25.

Rule 29. A Dead Ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher, that touches the Batsman's bat without being struck at, or any part of the Batsman's person while standing in his position, without being struck at, or any part of the Umpire's person without first passing the Catcher.

Rule 30. A Fair Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the First Base, the Third Base, the person of a player, or any other object, in front of or on either of the Foul Lines, or (*Exception*) batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls within the Foul Lines between Home and First or Home and Third Bases without first touching the person of a player.

Rule 31. A Foul Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the person of a player, or any other object, behind either of the Foul Lines, or (*Exception*) batted di-

rectly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it First touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls outside the Foul Lines, between Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without first touching the person of a player.

Rule 32. A Strike is

(1) A ball struck at by the Batsman without it touching his bat, or

(2) A ball legally delivered by the Pitcher at the height called for by the Batsman, and over the Home Base, but not struck at by the Batsman.

Rule 33. A Foul Strike is a ball batted by the Batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the Batsman's position.

Rule 34. Play is the order of the Umpire to begin the game, or to resume play after its suspension.

Rule 35. Time is the order of the Umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

Rule 36. Game is the announcement by the Umpire that the game is terminated.

Rule 37. An Inning is the turn at bat of the nine players representing a Club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out as provided in these Rules.

Rule 38. A time at bat is the term at bat of a batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out, or becomes a base runner.

Rule 39. Legal, or Legally, signifies as required by these rules.

CLASS V.

THE GAME.

Rule 40. A Game shall consist of nine innings to each contesting nine, except that:

(1) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(2) If the side last at bat in the ninth innings scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall then terminate.

(3) If the score be a tie at the end of nine innings to each side, play shall only be continued until the side first at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the other side, in an equal number of innings; or until the other side shall score one more run than the side first at bat.

(4) If the Umpire calls "game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed by both sides, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, **unless** the side second at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the side first at bat, in which case the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

Rule 41. A Drawn Game shall be declared by the Umpire when he terminates a game, on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; but (*Exception*) if the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the Umpire shall declare the game drawn, without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

Rule 42. A Forfeited Game shall be declared by the Umpire, in favor of the Club not in fault, in the following cases:

(1) If the nine of a club fail to appear upon the Field, or, being upon the Field, fail to begin the game, within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game.

(2) If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, **unless** such game has been suspended or terminated by the Umpire.

(3) If, after play has been suspended by the Umpire,

one side fails to resume playing within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play."

(4) If the Umpire calls three Foul Balks in one inning, and has warned the Pitcher of the penalty after the second Foul Balk, and before the third is called.

(5) If, in the opinion of the Umpire, any one of these Rules is willfully violated.

Rule 43. "**No Game**" shall be declared by the Umpire if he shall terminate play, on account of rain or darkness, before five innings on each side are completed.

Rule 44. A Substitute shall not be allowed to take the place of any player in a game, unless such player be disabled in the game then being played, by reason of illness or injury.

Rule 45. The Choice of First Innings shall be determined by the two Captains.

Rule 46. The Umpire must call "Play" at the hour appointed for beginning a game. The game must begin when the Umpire calls "Play." When he calls "Time" play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored. The Umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player, or in case rain falls so heavily that the spectators are compelled by the severity of the storm, to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and should such rain continue to fall thirty minutes thereafter, he shall terminate the game. The Umpire shall also declare every "deal ball," "foul hit," "foul strike," "balk" and "foul balk," and after declaring the second "foul balk" in one inning, shall warn the Pitcher of the penalty prescribed by Rule 42 (4).

Rule 47. The Batsman, on taking his position, must call for a "high ball," a "low ball," or a "high or low ball," and the Umpire shall notify the Pitcher to deliver the ball as required; such call shall not be changed after the first ball delivered. The Um-

pire shall count and call every "unfair ball" delivered by the Pitcher, and every "foul balk" and "dead ball" if also an "unfair ball," as a "ball;" and he shall also count and call every "strike." Neither a "ball" nor a "strike" shall be called or counted until the ball has passed the Home Base.

Rule 48. The Batsman is out

(1) If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered and the proper Batsman takes his position before a fair hit has been made.

(2) If he fails to take his position within one minute after the Umpire has called for the Batsman.

(3) If he makes a foul hit and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground, or after touching the ground but once, provided it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than the fielder before touching the ground, or before being caught.

(4) If he makes a foul strike.

(5) If he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from catching the ball, evidently without effort to make a fair hit.

Rule 49. The Batsman becomes a Base Runner

(1) When he makes a fair hit.

(2) When seven balls have been called by the Umpire.

(3) When three strikes have been declared by the Umpire.

Rule 50. The Base Runner must touch each Base in regular order, viz: First, Second Third, and Home Bases, and when obliged to return, must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding Base Runner.

Rule 51. The Base-Runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take one Base, provided he do so on the run, in the following cases:

- (1) If, while he was Batsman, the Umpire called seven balls.
- (2) If the Umpire awards a succeeding Batsman a base on seven balls, and the Base-Runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.
- (3) If the Umpire calls a Balk.
- (4) If a ball delivered by the Pitcher pass the Catcher and touch any fence or building within ninety feet of the Home Base.
- (5) If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary.
- (6) If a Fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat or any part of his dress.
- (7) If a batted or thrown ball be stopped by any person not engaged in the game, and, in such case, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the Pitcher standing in his position.

Rule 52. The Base Runner shall not have a substitute run for him.

Rule 53. The Base-Runner is out

- (1) If, having made a fair hit while Batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a Fielder, before touching the ground or any object other than a Fielder, provided it be not caught in the Fielder's hat or cap.
- (2) If, when the Umpire has declared three strikes on him while Batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground; provided it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder before being caught.
- (3) If, after three strikes or a fair hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder before such Base-Runner touches First Base.
- (4) If, after three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a Fielder, while touching First Base

with any part of his person, before such Base Runner touches First Base.

(5) If, after three strikes, seven balls, or a fair hit, he fails to *run* to First Base.

(6) If, in running to First Base, he runs inside the Foul Line or more than three feet outside of it, *except* that he must do so if necessary to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, and in such case shall not be declared out.

(7) If, in running from First to Second Base, from Second to Third Base, or from Third to Home Base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by the ball, in the hands of a Fielder; *but* in case a Fielder be occupying the Base-Runner's proper path, attempting to field a batted ball, then the Base-Runner shall run out of the path and behind said Fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

(8) If he fails to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner prescribed in (6) and (7) of this Rule, or if he, in any way, obstructs a Fielder, attempting to field a batted ball.

(9) If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hand of a Fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy, provided the ball be held by the Fielder after touching him; *but* (*exception as to First Base*) in running to First Base he may over-run said base without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in overrunning First Base, he also attempts to run to Second Base, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

(10) If, when a Fair or Foul Hit ball is legally caught by a Fielder before it touches the ground, such ball is legally held by a Fielder on the base occupied by the Base Runner when such ball was struck (or the Base-

Runner be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder), before he retouches said base after such Fair or Foul Hit Ball was so caught; **provided**, That the Base-Runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on the said base, or touches the Base-Runner with it.

(11) If, when the ball, from a Foul Hit, has struck the ground before being caught, or the Batsman has made a Foul Strike, the Base-Runner fails to retouch the base held by him when the ball was struck, after such ball has been returned to and held by the Pitcher, in which case he may be put out at such base, or by being touched by the ball in the hand of a fielder in the same manner as in running to First Base.

(12) If, when a Batsman becomes a Base-Runner, [*except as provided in Rule 50*], the First Base, or the First and Second Bases, or the First, Second, and Third Bases, be occupied, any Base-Runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until the Base-Runner running to First Base is put out, and may be put out at the next base or by being touched by the ball in the hand of a Fielder in the same manner as in running to First Base, at any time before the Base-Runner running to First Base is put out.

(13) If a Fair Hit ball strike him he shall be declared out, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced, and no run be scored.

(14) If, when running to a base or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 49; **provided**, That he shall not be declared out, unless the Captain of the fielding side claim such decision before the ball is delivered to the bat by the Pitcher.

(15) If, when the Umpire calls "Play" after any suspension of a game, he fails to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called, before touching the next base.

Rule 54. The Umpire shall declare the Batsman or Base-Runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these Rules, *except* as provided in Rule 53, (10), (14) and (15).

Rule 55. When a Dead Ball is declared by the Umpire, no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored on such ball, *unless* such ball be also the seventh Unfair Ball, that entitles the striker to a base, in which case the striker shall take First Base, and any Base-Runner thereby forced to vacate a base shall take one base without being put out, and if a base thus taken be the Home Base, the run shall be scored.

Rule 56. One Run shall be scored every time a Base Runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the Home Base before three men are put out. If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching First Base, a run shall not be scored.

Rule 57. If the Pitcher causes the ball to strike the Batsman, and the Umpire be satisfied that he does it intentionally, he shall fine the Pitcher therefor in a sum not less than Ten Dollars, nor more than Fifty Dollars.

Rule 58. No Player, except the Captain or his assistant, shall address the Umpire concerning any point of play, and any violation of this Rule shall subject the offender to a fine by the Umpire.

CLASS VI.

THE UMPIRE.

Rule 59. The Umpire shall be selected as follows:

(1) Two clubs may, by mutual agreement, select any man to umpire any game or games, provided that such agreement be in writing, and the man so selected agrees

not less than seven days before such game, or the first of such games, to act as such Umpire.

(2) A staff of League Umpires shall be selected in the following manner: Prior to April 1st of each year, each club shall send to the Secretary the names of any persons of good repute and considered competent to act as Umpires. A list of all persons so nominated shall be prepared by the Secretary, and submitted to each club, which shall then select therefrom a number equal to three times the number of clubs then in the League, and shall transmit a list thereof to the Secretary, and the required number having the greatest number of approvals shall constitute the staff of League Umpires.

The Board shall fill any vacancy caused by declinations, and shall appoint an Umpire to replace any that may be objected to in writing by three League clubs after the commencement of the championship season.

(3) In the absence of the agreement provided for in Sec. 1 of this Rule, the Visiting Club shall, not less than five days before any Championship Game, submit by telegraph to the President or Secretary of the Home Club the names of seven League Umpires, none of whom shall reside in the city of the Visiting Club. The Home Club shall then be charged with the duty of producing one of the seven so named upon the grounds in season for the game.

(4) In case the Visiting Club shall have failed to furnish the seven names as provided in Sec. 3, *the Home Club shall select an Umpire for such game*; and in case the Visiting Club shall have furnished the seven names, as provided in Sec. 3, and the Home Club fails to produce one of the Umpires so named, within fifteen minutes before the hour appointed for the game, *the Visiting Club shall select the Umpire*.

Rule 60. The Umpire's Duties, in addition to those specified in the preceding Rules, are

(1) Before the commencement of a Match Game, the Umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials

of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the Captain of the Home Club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and, if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these Rules. He shall also ascertain whether the fence in the rear of the Catcher's position is distant ninety feet from the Home Base.

(2) The Umpire shall not reverse his decision on any point of play upon the testimony of any player engaged in the game, or upon the testimony of any bystander.

(3) In case the Umpire imposes a fine on a player, or declares a game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the Secretary of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter, and if he shall fail to do so he shall forfeit his position as League Umpire, and shall forever thereafter be ineligible to umpire any League game.

Rule 61. The Umpire shall not be changed during the progress of a Match Game, except for reason of illness or injury, or by the consent of the Captains of the two contesting Nines.

Rule 62. Any League Umpire who shall be convicted of selling, or offering to sell, a game of which he is Umpire, shall, thereupon, be removed from his official capacity, and placed under the same disabilities inflicted on expelled players by the Constitution of the League. (See also Constitution Art. VI, Section 13.)

Rule 63. The Umpire's Jurisdictions and Powers, in addition to those specified in the preceding Rules, are:

The gentleman selected to fill the position of Umpire must keep constantly in mind the fact that upon his sound discretion and promptness in conducting the game, compelling players to observe the spirit as well as the letter of the Rules, and enforcing each and every one of the Rules, largely depends the merit of the game as an exhibition, and the satisfaction of spectators therewith. He must make his decisions distinct and clear, remembering that every spectator is anxious to hear such deci-

sion. He must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury, or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third hand is put out, and must require the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the Fielders are in their places.

The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the Field allotted them, subject to the condition that they must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any Fielder attempting to catch or field it. The triangular space behind the Home Base is reserved for the exclusive use of the Umpire, Catcher, and Batsman, and the Umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of or passing between, the Pitcher or Catcher while standing in their positions.

ARTICLE III. Section 7 of the League Constitution makes the League Umpire a member of the League. During the progress of a game he is the sole representative of the League, to see that the game is played and determined solely on its merits, and these Rules invest him with ample powers to accomplish this purpose. In the performance of his duties he must remember that his sole allegiance is due to the League, and that the circumstance of his fees and expenses being paid by the visiting club places him under no obligation whatever to such club. Such expenses are equally borne by all League clubs, taking the season as a whole, hence the visiting club merely acts as Paymaster of the League so far as the Umpire is concerned.

The Umpire is master of the Field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order

any player to do or omit to do any act necessary to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions, and power to inflict upon any player disobeying any such order a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars for each offence, and to impose a similar fine upon any player who shall use abusive, threatening, or improper language to the Umpire, audience, or other player, and when the Umpire shall have so punished the player, he shall not have the power to revoke or remit the penalty so inflicted.

The Umpire shall, at once, notify the Captain of the offending player's side of the infliction of any fine herein provided for, and the club to which such player belongs shall, upon receipt of a notice of said fine from the Secretary of the League within ten days transmit the amount of such fine to the Secretary of the League.

CLASS VII.

SCORING.

Rule 64. In Order to Promote Uniformity in Scoring Championship Games, the following instructions, suggestions, and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers of League Clubs, and they are required to make the scores mentioned in Sec. 15, Article X, of the League Constitution in accordance therewith.

Batting.

(1) The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game. Any time or times where the player has been sent to base on called balls shall not be included in this column.

(2) In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

(3) In the third column should be placed the first base hits made by each player. A base hit should be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground between the foul lines and out of reach of the fielders.

When a hit is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion; but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches First Base.

When the ball is hit so sharply to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out a man. In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base hit and exempt fielder from the charge of an error.

When a ball is hit so slowly toward a Fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out a man.

(4) In the fourth column should be placed to the credit of each player the total bases made by him off his hits.

Fielding.

(5) The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a striker is given out by the Umpire for a foul strike, or because he struck out of his turn, the put-out shall be scored to the Catcher.

(6) The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in a run-out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to the Pitcher when a Batsman fails to hit the ball on the third strike.

An assist should be given to the Pitcher in each case where the Batsman is declared out for making a foul strike or striking out of turn.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who should complete the play fails, through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or

handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

(7) An error should be given for each mis-play which allows the striker or base-runner to make one or more bases, when perfect play would have insured his being put out. In scoring errors off batted balls, see Section 3 of this Rule.

CLASS VIII.

CONSTRUCTION AND AMENDMENTS.

Rule 65. No Section of these Rules shall be construed as conflicting with or affecting any article of the Constitution of the League.

Rule 66. No Amendment or change of any of these Rules shall be made, except in the manner provided in the Constitution of the League.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL B. B. CLUBS HELD AT THE CATARACT HOUSE, NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., TUESDAY, MAY 25, A. D. 1880.

Meeting called to order at 3 p. m.

Present:

W. A. Hulbert,	representing Chicago Ball Club.
A. H. Soden,	" Boston B. B. Ass'n.
F. C. Bancroft,	" Worcester " Club.
J. F. Evans,	" Cleveland " Ass'n.
Henry T. Root,	" Providence " "
C. T. Blackburn,	" Cincinnati " "
C. R. DeFreest & E. L. Fursman	" Troy City " "
Jno. B. Sage,	" Buffalo " "

The President stated the object of the meeting to be the consideration of certain charges preferred by the Providence club against the Troy City club, by reason of their failure and refusal to remain in Providence on Monday, May 17, and play a game prevented by rain May 13th. On motion adjourned pending a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Meeting of the Board of Directors called to order at 3:30 p. m.

Present. W. A. Hulbert, Chairman, and Messrs. Soden, Evans, and Sage, Directors.

In relation to the charges preferred by the Providence club against the Troy City club, the Directors report as follows:

The Board acting under the provisions of Section 2, Article 8, of the League Constitution, and after full consideration of the facts and circumstances involved in the dispute between the Providence and Troy City clubs, arising from the failure of the Troy City club to appear on the grounds of the former on the 17th day of May, inst., to play off the championship game prevented by rain on the 13th day of May, inst., find as follows:

1st. That the default of the Troy City club does not amount to a forfeiture of League membership, under the provisions of the League Constitution.

2d. That the claim of the Providence club to a forfeited game, to count in their series as a game won by a score of nine runs to none, as of date May 17th, inst., is not allowed. The forfeiture of a game, as the League Constitution now stands, being limited to an award by an umpire, based upon some violation of the "Playing Rules," which latter, so far as this case is concerned, were not violated by the Troy City club, May 17th inst., not being a day certain agreed upon by both clubs, in the meaning of Section 3, Article 5, of the League Constitution, to which Playing Rule 35 (1) can alone apply.

As to the game which the Providence club claims that the Troy City club should have remained in Providence to play on the 17th day of May, inst., it is hereby ordered that the said game shall be played in Providence on the 23d day of September, prox., or the 1st day of October, prox., as said clubs may agree.

While this report is submitted, as the judgment of the Board of Directors, based upon their construction of the existing laws of the League as applied to the case under consideration, yet this Board cannot refrain from here declaring its unanimous condemnation of the action of the Troy City club, as exhibited by its manager, Mr. Robert Ferguson, in leaving Providence with its first series of games incomplete, and especially without first advising with the officers of his club. It is admitted and stated by the responsible officers of the Troy City club that they deeply deplore the action of its manager on the occasion referred to, and we are assured by them that they desire such legislation to be had as may absolutely prohibit any recurrence of the present controversy, and in view of the complications sure to arise from possible further violations of the letter of Section 3, Article 12, of the League Constitution, the Board recommend such

legislation by the League at its next annual meeting as will more clearly define and effectually enforce those provisions of Section 3, Article 12, of the League Constitution, which relate to the playing off of drawn games, tie games, and games prevented by rain, and they further recommend such present action, by agreement of League clubs, as will tend to insure the prompt playing off of such games during the remainder of the present championship season.

(Signed) W. A. HULBERT, Chairman.

JNO. B. SAGE, } Directors.
J. F. EVANS, }

I dissent from above report so far as it relates to Sections 1 and 2.

(Signed) A. H. SODEN, Director.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE RE-CO-N-
VENED AT 6 P. M.

The Board of Directors submitted their report. H. Doscher of Lansingburg, N. Y., and George Hillyer of New Haven, Conn., were duly elected League Umpires, to fill vacancies. No further business appearing, on motion adjourned.

(Signed) W. A. HULBERT,
President.

N. E. YOUNG,
Secretary.

For the purpose of enforcing, during the remainder of the championship season of 1880, the provisions of Sections 3 and 6, of Article 12 of the League Constitution, which provide for the playing off tie or drawn games, or games prevented by rain, the subscribing League clubs pledge themselves: 1st. To vote at the next annual meeting of the League for the expulsion of any club that shall violate said provisions of the League Constitution. 2d. To abstain from playing any League club that shall violate the provisions specified, from the date of such

violation. 3d. To enact such legislation at the next annual meeting of the League, as may be deemed most effectual to enforce the provisions of Section 3, Article 12, of the League Constitution, relating to the playing off of drawn or tie games, or games postponed by rain.

In testimony whereof, the parties hereto have hereunto set their names at Niagara Falls, this 25th day of May, A. D. 1880.

The Boston B. B. Ass'n. (Signed) By A. H. Soden, Pres.
 " Providence " " " Henry T. Root "
 " Buffalo " " " Jno. B. Sage, "
 " Worcester " " " F. C. Bancroft, Sec.
 " Cincinnati " " " C. T. Blackburn, "
 " Cleveland " " " J. F. Evans, Pres.
 " Troy City " " " E. L. Fursman, V.P.
 " Chicago Ball Club " " W. A. Hulbert, Pres.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL B. B. CLUBS, HELD AT THE OSBORNE HOUSE, ROCHESTER, N. Y., MONDAY, OCT. 4, A. D. 1880.

Meeting called to order by the President at 8 p. m.

Present:

Mr. W. A. Hulbert, representing the Chicago Ball Club.
 " A. H. Soden, " " Boston B. B. Ass'n.
 " J. F. Evans, " " Cleveland " "
 " H. T. Root, " " Providence " "
 " Freeman Brown, " " Worcester " Club.
 " W. C. Kennett, " " Cincinnati " Ass'n.
 " C. R. DeFreest, " " Troy City " "
 " C. S. Treat, and
 E. B. Smith, " " Buffalo " "

Mr. Root presented the following agreement, which was duly signed:

The subscribing clubs of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs hereby pledge themselves to vote at the annual meeting of the League, to be held in

December, 1880, for the following amendment to the Constitution of the League:

Insert in Section 7, Article 5, after the words "if any club shall take part in any game of ball on Sunday," the following, "or shall allow any game of ball to be played on its grounds on Sunday."

We further pledge ourselves to vote at the annual meeting, to be held in December, 1880, for an amendment to the League Constitution, that will, under penalty of forfeiture of membership in the League, prohibit the sale of every description of malt, spirituous or vinous liquors upon its grounds, nor in any building owned or occupied by it.

The Chicago Ball Club,	by W. A. Hulbert,	Pres.
" Providence B. B. Ass'n	" Henry T. Root,	"
" Boston	" " " A. H. Soden,	"
" Cleveland	" " " J. F. Evans,	"
" Buffalo	" " " Edw. B. Smith	"
" Troy City	" " " C. R. DeFreest,	Sec'y.
" Worcester	Club Freeman Brown,	Treas.

On motion adjourned to meet on the following day.

TUESDAY, OCT. 5, 1880.

Meeting called to order at 9:50 A. M., and after an informal discussion of matters pertaining to the general welfare of the League, on motion adjourned to meet on the following day.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6, 1880.

Meeting called to order at 10:30 A. M. On motion it was resolved that the membership of the Cincinnati club be declared vacated, unless they acquiesce in all legislation the League may enact.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That at the annual meeting all clubs shall report the names of players engaged by them for 1881, and that no player shall be regarded as engaged unless

his contract shall have been duly indorsed by the Secretary of this Association.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas. The Cincinnati Base Ball Association has failed to respond in a satisfactory manner, to the inquiries relative to its intentions regarding observance of the rules, agreements and requirements of the League.

Resolved: That the position of the Cincinnati Association in the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs be, and is hereby declared vacated.

Resolved: That a copy of this preamble and resolution be transmitted to the Cincinnati Base Ball Association.

On motion clubs were released from the agreement in relation to the employment of players prior to Oct. 23, 1880.

No further business appearing, on motion adjourned.

(Signed)

W. A. HULBERT,

President.

N. E. YOUNG,

Secretary.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT THE ST. JAMES HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, A. D. 1880.

Present. Mr. W. A. Hulbert, Chairman, and Messrs. Soden, Sage, and Evans, Directors.

Meeting called to order at 10:15 A. M.

The Secretary presented a tabular statement of championship games won and lost during the season of 1880, showing the Chicago Club to have won the greatest number.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved: That the Chicago Ba'll Club, of Chicago, Ill., having won the greatest number of games in the

championship series, is hereby awarded the championship of the United States, for the year 1880.

The report of the Treasurer was received and accepted.

On motion the appeal of Mr. Alex. McKinnon, for a removal of the disabilities caused by his expulsion from the Troy City Base Ball Association, was denied.

On motion the appeal of J. A. Devlin, for a hearing, was denied.

Mr. N. E. Young was re-elected Secretary of the League.

On motion the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Repeated applications have been made by or on behalf of James A. Devlin, Geo. Hall, W. H. Craver, and A. H. Nichols, to this Board, or members thereof, for the removal of their disabilities resulting from their expulsion from the League, for dishonest ball playing,

Resolved, That notice is hereby served on the persons named, and on their friends, defenders and apologists, that the Board of Directors of this League will never remit the penalties inflicted on such persons, nor will they hereafter entertain any appeal from them or in their behalf.

(Signed) W. A. HULBERT, Chairman.

J. F. EVANS,
A. H. SODEN,
JNO. B. SAGE, } Directors.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, A. D. 1880.

Meeting called to order at 10.30 A. M.

Mr. Evans preferred complaint against the National Base Ball Club of Washington, D. C., for failure to pay \$125, balance due on guarantee for games played by the Cleveland Base Ball Club in Washington during the first week in October, 1880. On motion the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The National Base Ball Club of Washington, D. C., a club member of the League Alliance, has failed to pay to the Cleveland Base Ball Club, a club member of the League, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars on account of games played between said clubs in Washington, D. C., during the past season, although dates have been repeatedly fixed for such payment, and have expired without the fulfillment of the pledges of said National club,

Resolved, That unless the said payment be made forthwith, the said National Base Ball Club shall be expelled from the League Alliance.

(Signed) W. A. HULBERT, Chairman.
 A. H. SODEN, } Directors.
 JNO. B. SAGE, }

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF
PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT ST.
JAMES HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 8, A. D. 1880.**

Annual meeting of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs held at St. James Hotel, New York city, Wednesday, December 8, A. D. 1880.

Meeting called to order at 12:10 P. M., by the President.

The following named gentlemen presented their credentials as the representatives of their respective clubs.

W. A. Hulbert, and

A. G. Mills, representing the Chicago Ball Club.
 Jas. Moffatt, and

J. H. Smith " " Buffalo B. B. Club.

Freeman Brown " " Worcester " "

A. H. Soden, and

Harry Wright " " Boston " Ass'n.

J. F. Evans " " Cleveland " "

Henry T. Root " " Providence " "

The reading of the minutes of previous meetings, was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Secretary presented the application of the National Base Ball Club of Washington, D. C., for League membership, with an adverse report from the Committee of Directors to whom it had been referred.

Upon a ballot being passed, they were unanimously rejected.

The Committee on the application of the Detroit Base Ball Club, of Detroit, Mich., having made a favorable report, they were unanimously elected, and Hon. W. G. Thompson was duly admitted as the representative of that organization.

The meeting next proceeded to the consideration of amendments to the League Constitution, which, as amended, was adopted as follows: (See Constitution.)

On motion adjourned to meet on the following day.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9, A. D. 1880.

Meeting called to order at 12:15 p. m., and proceeded to consider amendments to the Playing Rules, which, as amended, were adopted as follows: (Except as to certain amendments mentioned in the following resolution.) See Playing Rules.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That the further consideration of Rules 33, 34, 36, 39, and 59, so far as relates to the subject of darkness and rain, deferred until the annual meeting is reconvened.

The following named gentlemen were selected, with the President, to constitute the Board of Directors for the ensuing year, namely: Josiah Jewett, Freeman Brown, W. G. Thompson, and A. L. Hotchkiss.

Mr. W. A. Hulbert was unanimously re-elected President of the League.

Messrs. Hulbert and Soden were duly elected a committee to prepare a Schedule for the season of 1881.

On motion, the publication of the League Book was left in the hands of the Secretary.

The contract for furnishing the necessary number of balls for the use of League clubs during the year 1881, was awarded to A. G. Spalding & Bros., of Chicago, Ill.

On motion adjourned to meet on the following day.

FRIDAY, DEC. 10, A. D. 1880.

Meeting called to order at 10 A. M.

Mr. A. C. Stevens presented a proposition in relation to the publication of an official schedule of games to be played during the season of 1881, for the use of League clubs and their patrons.

On motion the proposition of Mr. Stevens was accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to issue the necessary certificate as to its official character.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the League be held at the Tremont House, Chicago, Ill.

Resolved, That the President of the League is hereby empowered to reconvene this annual meeting of the League at any time prior to April 1, 1881.

On motion the further consideration of the matter of posters was postponed until the reconvened annual meeting.

On motion the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Mr. W. A. Hulbert of Chicago, Ill., has been President of this League since its organization, and has so performed the duties of such office as to reflect credit on the League, and gain the hearty approval of all supporters of honest, manly ball playing, and whereas, we believe that to him more than to any other one man, is due the credit of the practical reforms which have been accomplished during the past five years in the relations of clubs and players, the exhibition of the game of

base ball, and its elevation to the foremost rank among American field sports, therefore

Resolved, That we tender him our hearty thanks for his services, and express the hope that the League may have the benefit of his services as President for many years.

No further business appearing, on motion adjourned.

(Signed)

W. A. HULBERT,
President.

N. E. YOUNG,
Secretary.

Special meeting of the Board of Directors held Dec. 11, A. D. 1880.

Present, Mr. W. A. Hulbert, Chairman, and Messrs. Brown, Thompson, and Moffatt, Directors. (The latter representing Mr. Jewett, of the Buffalo Club.)

On motion a committee was appointed, consisting of the President and such other member as he may designate, with full authority to fill any vacancy that may occur during the season.

On motion adjourned.

SPECIAL LEAGUE MEETING.

FEB. 26, 1880.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL B. B. CLUBS HELD AT THE TIFFT HOUSE, BUFFALO, N. Y., TUESDAY, MARCH 8, A. D. 1881.

Meeting called to order by the President at 2 o'clock P. M.

The following named gentlemen were present as the representatives of their respective clubs: Mr. W. A. Hulbert, Chicago; Hon. W. G. Thompson, Detroit; Mr. H. T. Root, Providence; Mr. J. F. Evans, Cleveland; Mr. A. L. Hotchkin, Troy; Messrs. A. H. Soden, and H. Wright, Boston; Messrs. E. A. Spencer, and James Moffat, Buffalo; Mr. Freeman Brown, Worcester.

On motion special meeting adjourned subject to call of the President.

Reconvened annual meeting called to order by the President at 2:10 P. M.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

1. Resolved, That ex officers of League clubs are tendered the compliments of the League, and are cordially invited to attend the regular and special meetings of the League as our guests.

2. Whereas, There is much uncertainty and diversity of ruling by League Umpires in determining when, in cases of rain, it is proper to call "Time," therefore be it Resolved, That the Secretary of the League shall furnish each League Umpire with a book of rules, in which he shall MARK each rule referring to rain.

3. Resolved, That when play is prevented or interrupted by RAIN, neither money or tickets shall be refunded.

4. Resolved, That any complaint made by a player, or any grievances by players shall never be made excepting when the club to which such player or players belong, is at home.

The following named gentlemen were duly elected to compose the staff of League Umpires for 1881. (See list of Umpires.)

Rule 46 of the Playing Rules was amended, by striking out the following words: "In his opinion the game cannot fairly proceed," etc., and inserting the following words: "The spectators are compelled, by the severity of the storm to seek shelter," in which case, etc.

On motion adjourned.

Special meeting called to order at 4 P. M.

The committee appointed to prepare a schedule of League games for 1881, consisting of Messrs. Hulbert and Soden, submitted their report, which was promptly and unanimously adopted.

On motion adjourned to meet on the following day.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, A. D. 1881.

Meeting called to order at 11:30 A. M., and after arranging and executing a contract for furnishing League clubs with posters during the season of 1881.

On motion adjourned.

(Signed.)

W. A. HULBERT,
President.

N. E. YOUNG,
Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL B. B.
CLUBS, HELD AT THE TIFFT HOUSE, BUFFALO, N. Y.,
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1881.

Present. Mr. W. A. Hulbert, Chairman, and Messrs. Thompson, Brown, Hotchkin, and Moffat, Directors. (The latter representing Mr. Jewett of the Buffalo Club.)

The Secretary presented an appeal from Mr. C. W. Jones, late of the Boston Club, for reinstatement.

On motion the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Section 3, Article VIII, of the League Constitution directs that any person who shall have been expelled from a League club, shall file with the Secretary a written statement of his defence, accompanied with a request that an appeal be allowed him, and the Secretary shall lay the appeal before the next annual meeting of the League, therefore be it Resolved, That Mr. C. W. Jones having neglected to file with the Secretary his statement and request for an appeal, until after the annual meeting, we consider that he has forfeited his right of appeal by his own laches and neglect, and his application is therefore respectfully denied.

(Signed.) W. A. HULBERT, Chairman.

" W. G. THOMPSON,
" FREEMAN BROWN,
" A. L. HOTCHKIN,
" JAMES MOFFATT, } Directors.

LEAGUE UMPIRES FOR 1881.

1. Herman Doscher, Lansingburg, N. Y. Telegrams to American House.
2. Chas. Fulmer, No. 745 Byard Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
3. Richard Higham, No. 24 Federal Street, Troy, N. Y.
4. Geo. J. Hiller, No. 436 Chapel Street, New Haven, Conn.
5. Joseph W. Young, No. 10 Larned Block, Syracuse, N. Y.
6. Geo. H. Bradley, No. 138 West Main Street, Rochester, N. Y.
7. Al. Barker, Rockford, Ill.
8. J. H. Gifford, Columbus, O.
9. Wm. Hawes, Lowell, Mass.
10. Thomas J. Carey, Baltimore, Md.
11. Dennis Sullivan, Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass.
12. James Keenan, Albany, N. Y.
13. Philip Powers, Manhattanville, N. Y.
14. Augustus Schew, 36 St. Paul Street, Buffalo, N. Y.
15. Wm. H. Hegeman, Troy, N. Y.
16. J. Dunnigan, New York.
17. W. W. Jeffers, Toronto, Ont.
18. E. J. Callahan, 27 Howard St., Boston, Mass.
19. Chas. M. Smith, Cambridge, Mass.
20. Eden Kipp, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.
21. Daniel F. Sullivan, 107 Siegel Street, Chicago, Ill.
22. Daniel Stearns, 360 Thirteenth St., Buffalo, N. Y.
23. T. Gillian, London, Ont.

BUSINESS AGREEMENT.

NEW YORK, DEC. 10, A. D. 1880.

The parties hereto agree that during the year 1881 they will govern themselves in all matters pertaining to base ball by the provisions of the Constitution of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and especially in all business matters with each other by the provisions of Article X of the said Constitution.

We each and all hereby obligating ourselves to fully discharge the obligations specified in said Article.

The Worcester Base Ball Club,

By Freeman Brown, Treasurer.

The Chicago Ball Club,

By W. A. Hulbert, President.

The Boston B. B. Association,

By A. H. Soden, President.

The Cleveland B. B. Association,

By J. F. Evans, President.

The Providence B. B. Association,

By Henry T. Root, President.

By W. A. Hulbert, his Attorney.

The Buffalo B. B. Club,

By James Moffatt, Vice-President.

The Detroit B. B. Club,

By W. G. Thompson, President.

The Troy City B. B. Association.

*By W. A. Hulbert, Delegated
by the Troy City B. B. Association.*

BATTING AVERAGES.

Of players who have taken part in fifteen or more Championship Games
DURING THE SEASON OF 1880.

Rank.	Name.	Club.	Number of Games Played.	Average runs per Game.	1st Base Hits.	Percentage of Base Hits per Times at bat.	Total Bases run.	Average bases run per Game.
1	Gore.....	Chicago.....	75	312 .69 0.92	114	.365	450	6.00
2	Anson.....	".....	84	316 .52 0.62	117	.338	390	4.64
3	Dalrymple.....	".....	84	371 .90 1.07	123	.332	501	5.98
4	Connor.....	Troy City.....	83	340 .53 0.63	113	.332	386	4.65
5	Monnahan.....	Buffalo.....	24	88 .11 0.45	28	.318	97	4.04
6	Burns.....	Chicago.....	82	323 .46 0.56	100	.309	352	4.29
7	Hines.....	Providence.....	83	356 .61 0.74	109	.306	284	4.08
8	White, J. L.	Cincinnati.....	82	129 .17 0.53	39	.302	128	4.00
9	Coggswell.....	Troy City.....	47	209 .41 0.87	63	.301	259	5.51
10	Jones.....	Boston.....	64	269 .43 0.67	80	.297	295	4.60
11	Ke ly.....	Chicago.....	82	335 .71 0.86	98	.292	420	5.12
12	Welch.....	T r y City.....	66	251 .23 0.38	72	.286	213	3.68
13	Foley.....	Boston.....	78	322 .42 0.53	92	.285	323	4.12
14	Purcell.....	Cincinnati.....	73	311 .46 0.63	88	.284	308	4.08
15	O'Rourke, Jn	Boston.....	78	304 .29 0.37	86	.282	307	3.93
	O'Rourke,Jas	".....	84	3.570 0.83	100	.281	431	5.13
16	Start.....	Providence.....	79	332 .53 0.67	93	.280	372	4.71
17	Clapp.....	Cincinnati.....	77	310 .32 0.41	8	.280	266	3.71
18	Dunlap.....	Cleveland.....	84	366 .60 0.71	100	.273	393	4.67
19	Farrell.....	Providence.....	77	322 .44 0.57	87	.270	342	4.44
20	Sullivan.....	Worcester.....	42	161 .21 0.50	43	.267	152	3.62
21	Shaff'r.....	Cleveland.....	82	336 .61 0.74	89	.265	388	4.73
22	Ferguson.....	Troy City.....	82	332 .55 0.67	87	.262	406	4.95
23	Horning.....	Buffalo.....	82	328 .45 0.55	86	.262	321	3.91
24	Crowley.....	".....	82	341 .52 0.63	89	.261	364	4.44
25	Goldsmith.....	Chicago.....	35	142 .24 0.68	37	.260	140	4.09
26	Irwin.....	Worcester.....	83	342 .51 0.61	89	.260	32	3.91
27	Siorey.....	".....	81	345 .72 0.89	89	.258	410	5.06
28	Burdock.....	Boston.....	84	247 .58 0.69	89	.256	347	4.13
29	Rewe.....	Buffalo.....	77	316 .41 0.53	81	.256	304	3.95
30	Williamson.....	Chicago.....	74	305 .65 0.87	78	.253	381	5.14
31	Gross.....	Providence.....	84	333 .39 0.46	85	.255	317	3.77
32	Phillippe.....	Cleveland.....	84	329 .41 0.49	84	.255	29	3.49
33	Evans.....	Troy City.....	47	180 .1 0.66	46	.2 5	185	3.93
34	Cassidy.....	".....	83	352 .40 0.48	89	.253	332	4.09
35	Richardson.....	Buffalo.....	80	329 .43 0.53	83	.252	312	3.90
36	McCormick.....	Cleveland.....	77	284 .34 0.44	71	.250	235	3.05
37	Dickerson.....	Troy and Wor'r.	59	48 .24 0.57	62	.250	230	3.89
38	Sutton.....	Boston.....	74	280 .40 0.54	70	.250	278	3.75
39	Richmond.....	".....	31	122 .12 0.38	32	.2 8	46	3.09
40	Glasscock.....	Cleveland.....	76	291 .36 0.47	72	.247	260	3.42
41	Hanlon.....	".....	7	275 .30 0.41	68	.247	244	3.39
42	Dorgan.....	Providence.....	76	304 .43 0.56	75	.246	289	3.80
43	Quest.....	Chicago.....	80	29 .37 0.45	71	.245	265	3.31

BATTING AVERAGES—Continued.

Rank.	Name.	Club.	Number of Games played.	Times at Bat.	Runs.	Average runs per Game.	1st Base Hits.	Percentage of Base Hits per Times at Bat.	Total Bases run.	Average bases run per game.
34	Wood . . .	Worcester . . .	79	317	37	0.47	77	.243	272	3.44
	Carpenter . . .	Cincinnati . . .	74	298	30	0.40	70	.243	251	3.39
35	Gilles ie . . .	Troy City . . .	82	346	50	0.61	84	.242	310	4.14
	Knight . . .	Worcester . . .	48	198	30	0.62	48	.242	192	4.00
36	Esterbro k . . .	Buffalo . . .	63	249	0	0.31	60	.241	184	2.92
37	Hotaling . . .	Cleveland . . .	77	320	40	0.52	77	.240	276	3.58
	Morrill. . .	Boston . . .	84	292	19	0.55	79	.240	334	3.97
38	Caskins . . .	Troy City . . .	82	323	36	0.44	77	.231	279	3.40
39	Peters . . .	Providence . . .	83	343	28	0.33	79	.230	238	2.86
	Walker . . .	Buffalo . . .	33	126	12	0.36	29	.230	106	3.21
40	Bradley . . .	Providence . . .	78	292	31	0.39	66	.226	243	3.11
	Ward . . .	" . . .	82	340	49	0.59	77	.226	321	3.91
41	Richmond . . .	Worcester . . .	75	299	42	0.56	67	.224	284	3.78
42	Bennett . . .	" . . .	50	188	20	0.40	42	.223	155	3.10
43	Whitney . . .	" . . .	75	297	37	0.49	66	.222	281	3.74
44	Corcoran . . .	Chicago . . .	70	216	41	0.58	61	.221	262	3.74
45	Bond . . .	Boston . . .	74	273	26	0.35	59	.216	203	2.74
	Manning . . .	Cincinnati . . .	48	190	20	0.41	41	.216	162	3.37
46	York . . .	Providence . . .	50	189	20	0.40	40	.211	148	2.96
	Galvin . . .	Buffalo . . .	61	232	25	0.39	49	.211	175	2.57
47	Leonard . . .	Cincinnati . . .	33	133	15	0.45	28	.210	125	3.79
48	McGeary . . .	Prov and Clev. . .	47	172	20	0.42	36	.209	144	3.06
49	Ha kinson . . .	Cleveland . . .	68	258	30	0.44	54	.209	196	2.88
50	Reilly, Chas. . .	Cincinnati . . .	28	103	8	0.28	21	.204	63	2.25
	Mack . . .	Buffalo . . .	17	59	5	0.29	12	.203	50	2.94
51	Say . . .	Cincinnati . . .	45	178	13	0.29	36	.202	139	3.09
	Creamer . . .	Worcester . . .	83	297	37	0.44	60	.202	236	2.84
52	Kennedy . . .	Cleveland . . .	66	250	26	0.38	50	.201	191	2.89
53	Smith . . .	Cincinnati . . .	80	321	34	0.42	64	.193	239	2.99
54	Trott . . .	Boston . . .	34	131	15	0.44	26	.198	97	2.85
55	Houck . . .	Prov. & Boston . . .	59	224	28	0.47	44	.196	187	3.17
56	Reilly, Jno. . .	Cincinnati . . .	70	261	17	0.24	51	.193	167	2.38
57	Stearns . . .	Buffalo . . .	25	93	8	0.32	18	.193	68	2.72
58	Mansell . . .	C Cincinnati . . .	54	187	22	0.41	36	.192	139	2.62
59	Holbert . . .	Troy City . . .	60	212	18	0.30	40	.183	155	2.58
60	Sommers . . .	Cincinnati . . .	21	77	7	0.33	14	.182	53	2.52
61	Gilligan . . .	Cleveland . . .	28	95	9	0.32	17	.179	75	2.67
62	Corv. . .	Worcester . . .	38	133	10	0.26	23	.173	78	2.05
63	Perman . . .	Chic. and Buff. . .	25	94	8	0.32	16	.170	67	2.68
64	Flint . . .	Chicago . . .	71	274	30	0.42	46	.167	210	2.95
65	White, W. H. . .	Cincinnati . . .	60	199	15	0.25	33	.165	121	2.01
66	Bushong . . .	Worcester . . .	37	141	13	0.35	23	.163	91	2.46
67	Force . . .	Buffalo . . .	78	277	20	0.25	45	.162	178	2.28
68	Driscoll . . .	" . . .	18	65	1	0.06	10	.154	20	1.11
69	Powers . . .	Boston . . .	35	121	11	0.31	18	.148	89	2.54
70	Tobin . . .	Troy and Wor'r . . .	38	148	15	0.42	21	.142	108	2.84
71	Latham . . .	Buffalo . . .	22	79	9	0.41	10	.127	47	2.13
72	Wheeler . . .	Cincinnati . . .	16	62	1	0.06	7	.113	18	1.12
73	Weidman . . .	Buffalo . . .	18	67	8	0.44	7	.104	54	3.00

FIELDING AVERAGES

Who have taken part in fifteen (15) or more Championship Games during the Season of 1850.

FIRST BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Number put out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chanc's Accep'd.
1	Sullivan	Worcester.....	42	431	12	8	451	.982
2	Anson	Chicago.....	77	811	15	19	845	.977
3	Start	Providence.....	79	919	10	29	958	.969
4	Morrill	Boston.....	45	419	26	16	461	.965
5	Phillips	Cleveland.....	84	836	25	33	894	.963
6	Coggswell	Troy City.....	47	475	15	20	510	.960
7	Tobin	Troy and Worcester	38	358	10	16	384	.958
8	Storey	Worcester.....	36	434	12	22	468	.953
9	Foley	Boston.....	22	216	6	11	233	.932
10	Reilly, Jno.....	Cincinnati.....	68	599	13	34	646	.947
11	Esterbrook	Buffalo.....	45	454	17	31	502	.938
12	O'Rourke, Jas.....	Boston.....	17	141	4	11	156	.929
13	Walker	Buffalo.....	24	248	7	23	278	.917

SECOND BASEMEN.

1	Force	Buffalo	49	159	206	29	394	.926
2	Burdock	Boston	84	318	264	49	631	.922
3	Dunlap	Cleveland.....	84	250	283	53	591	.910
4	Ferguson	Troy City.....	82	294	255	58	607	.904
5	Quest	Chicago.....	78	218	259	56	533	.895
6	Farrell	Providence.....	77	198	263	57	518	.889
7	Creamer	Worcester.....	83	234	265	63	562	.888
8	Smith	Cincinnati.....	80	270	238	88	596	.852

THIRD BASEMEN.

1	Williamson	Chicago	61	83	143	27	253	.893
2	McGeary	Prov and Cleveland.....	44	51	81	16	148	.892
3	Sutton	Boston	36	62	59	15	136	.889
4	Bradley	Providence	47	63	144	32	239	.866
5	Ward	"	21	28	65	15	108	.861
6	Whitney	Worcester	75	82	158	40	280	.857
7	Carpenter	Cincinnati	65	133	119	42	294	.857
8	Haukinson	Cleveland	55	65	91	27	183	.852
9	Richardson	Buffalo	78	104	147	45	296	.848
10	Morrill	Boston	38	42	66	22	130	.831
	Connor	Troy City	83	116	159	60	335	.821

FIELDING AVERAGES—Continued.
SHORT STOPS.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Number put out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total chances.	Percentage of Chance's Accepted.
1	Force.....	Buffalo.....	29	52	120	14	186	9.24
2	Sutton.....	Boston.....	38	50	118	17	185	9.8
3	Peters.....	Providence.....	83	105	27.9	41	405	8.98
4	Glasscock.....	Cleveland.....	76	107	24.9	43	3.9	.892
5	Irwin.....	Worcester.....	83	96	32.6	54	4.6	.836
6	Caskins.....	Troy City.....	82	97	29.7	51	4.5	.885
7	Mack.....	Buffalo.....	17	21	46	10	.77	.870
8	Burns.....	Chicago.....	73	59	181	33	278	8.3
9	Richmond.....	Boston.....	30	30	73	19	1.2	.814
10	Leonard.....	Cincinnati.....	24	16	64	1	.95	.842
11	O'Rourke Jas.	Boston.....	15	20	53	14	.87	.839
12	Say.....	Cincinnati.....	45	49	154	41	244	.831
13	Monnahan.....	Buffalo.....	24	23	62	18	103	.825

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1	York	Providence	50	91	5	7	103	.932
2	Hines	"	73	145	16	13	174	.925
3	Sommers	Cincinnati	19	31	3	3	37	.919
4	Bond	Boston	18	24	9	3	36	.916
5	Evans	Troy City	46	68	9	8	85	.906
6	O'Rourke, Jas.	Boston	34	55	11	7	73	.904
7	Gillespie.....	Troy City	82	185	14	21	220	.904
8	Horning.....	Buffalo	64	123	12	15	150	.900
9	Shaffer	Cleveland	82	125	35	8	178	.899
10	Hotaling	"	77	114	14	15	143	.895
11	Wood	Worcester	78	123	9	16	148	.892
12	Dickerson	Troy and Worcester	59	123	12	17	152	.883
13	Cassidy	Troy City	82	126	18	20	164	.884
14	Corv.....	Worcester	23	23	20	6	49	.877
15	Foley	Boston	30	39	10	7	56	.875
16	Knight	Worcester	48	46	22	10	78	.871
17	Gore	Chicago	71	119	16	20	155	.871
18	Mansell	Cincinnati	53	147	13	25	185	.865
19	Storey	Worcester	45	68	6	12	86	.860
20	Dalrymple	Chicago	84	149	19	28	196	.857
21	O'Rourke, Jno.	Boston	78	158	21	30	209	.856
22	Houck	Boston and Provid'nce	59	107	11	20	138	.855
23	Dorgan	Providence	74	87	20	20	127	.842
24	Purcell	Cincinnati	51	81	18	20	119	.832
25	Crowley	Buffalo	65	129	23	31	183	.830
26	Jones	Boston	64	106	11	24	141	.829
27	Kelly	Chicago	62	67	32	23	122	.811
28	Hanlon	Cleveland	68	133	8	34	175	.806
29	Rowe	Buffalo	21	32	5	10	47	.787
30	Manning	Cincinnati	46	55	10	18	83	.783
31	White, J. L.	"	30	38	8	14	60	.766
	Wheeler	"	16	36	5	14	55	.745
	Stearns	Buffalo	15	14	5	7	26	.730

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL
CATCHERS' AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.			Times Assisting.			Fielding Errors.			Passed Balls.			Total Chances.			Percentage of Chanc's Accep'd.	
1	Bushong.....	Worcester.....	37	250		67	30		375			.845							
2	Bennett.....	".....	45	275		45	31	30	381			.839							
3	Flint	Chicago.....	62	378	114	36	65		593			.829							
4	Kennedy.....	Cleveland.....	64	397	66	52	48		565			.823							
5	Holbert.....	Troy City.....	57	261	107	36	45		449			.819							
6	Clapp.....	Cincinnati.....	69	401	119	60	56		636			.817							
7	Gilligan.....	Cleveland.....	20	113	32	4	30		179			.810							
8	Trott	Boston.....	30	156	55	26	24		261			.808							
9	Gross	Providence.....	84	408	120	81	62		671			.787							
10	Rowe	Buffalo.....	54	221	51	30	59		361			.753							
11	Powers.....	Boston.....	34	146	57	35	43		281			.722							
12	Crowley.....	Buffalo.....	17	73	23	17	24		137			.700							

PITCHERS' RECORD IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

NAME.	CLUB.														
		Number of Games Played.					Times at Bat of Opponents.					Runs Scored by Opponents.			
Bond.....	Boston.....	56	1939	282	5,03	541	.274	31	282	27	329	800			
Bradley.....	Providence	22	810	74	3,36	180	.229	13	91	10	122	832			
Corcoran.....	Chicago.....	56	1903	204	3,64	34	.198	34	356	18	415	930			
Foley.....	Boston.....	26	92	147	5,65	249	.270	12	115	15	145	876			
Galvin.....	Buffalo.....	54	2003	289	5,35	534	.296	21	324	17	21	386	807		
Goldsmith.....	Chicago.....	24	832	75	3,12	184	.221	11	138	9	160	931			
McCormick.....	Cleveland.....	73	2383	282	3,72	885	.227	35	368	22	31	456	886		
Purell.....	Cincinnati.....	21	804	147	7,01	228	.283	8	82	4	10	104	865		
Richmond.....	Worcester	67	2306	291	4,34	536	.233	13	340	23	29	405	869		
Ward.....	Providence	61	2094	19	3,14	442	.211	41	344	3	17	405	950		
Welch.....	Troy City.....	2259	3014	562	.248	311	.207	21	28	257	829				
White.....	Cincinnati.....	3065	518	70	.31	207	21	321	30	32	597	816			

BATTING AND FIELDING RECORD OF CLUBS.
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL B. B. CLUBS.

SEASON OF 1880.

NAME OF CLUB.	BATTING.		FIELDING.	
	Number of Games Played.	Won.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.
Chicago	84	30	15	532
Providence	84	52	30	552
Cleveland	84	47	26	559
Troy City	83	41	30	7
Worcester	85	4	29	35
Boston	84	4	30	1
Buffalo	82	21	28	47
Cincinnati	80	22	27	55
Total	664	332	28631	30894
			5779	66
			.244	.16
			22023	33.16
			17576	10445
			28981028	31947
				.877
				Per cent of Chances Accepted.
				Total Chances.
				Passed Balls and Wild Pitches.
				Fielding Errors.
				Times Assisted.
				Average per Game.
				Total Bases Run.
				Hits per times at Base.
				First Bases.
				Average per Game.
				Times at Bat.
				Runs Scored.
				First Bases.
				Hits per times at Base.
				Total Bases Run.
				Average per Game.
				Number of Games Won.
				Number of Games Played.
				Name of Club.

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SEASON OF 1880.

No. of Games Played.	DATE, 1880.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
1	May 1	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence	8	0
2	" 1	Chicago vs. Cincinnati...	Cincinnati	Chicago	4	3
3	" 1	Buffalo vs. Cleveland ...	Cleveland	Buffalo	7	4
4	" 1	Troy City vs. Worcester	Worcester	Worcester	13	1
5	" 4	" " "	"	"	7	3
6	" 4	Buffalo vs. Cleveland...	Cleveland	Cleveland	6	2
7	" 4	Boston vs. Providence...	Boston	Boston	4	3
8	" 4	Cincinnati vs. Chicago...	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	4	2
9	" 5	" " "	"	Chicago	5	3
10	" 5	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence	1	0
11	" 5	Troy City vs. Worcester	Worcester	Troy City	3	1
12	" 5	Buffalo vs. Cleveland...	Cleveland	Cleveland	22	3
13	" 7	" " "	Buffalo	Buffalo	1	0
14	" 7	Boston vs. Troy City...	Boston	Boston	5	4
15	" 7	Worcester vs. Providence	Providence	Worcester	3	2
16	" 7	Chicago vs. Cincinnati...	Chicago	Chicago	20	7
17	" 8	Boston vs. Troy City	Boston	Troy City	7	0
18	" 8	Worcester vs. Providence	Worcester	Worcester	10	8
19	" 8	Cleveland vs. Buffalo...	Buffalo	Cleveland	5	2
20	" 10	Chicago vs. Cincinnati...	Chicago	Chicago	15	1
21	" 11	" " "	"	"	5	0
22	" 11	Cleveland vs. Buffalo...	Buffalo	Cleveland	6	2
23	" 11	Boston vs. Troy City...	Boston	Boston	13	7
24	" 11	Worcester vs. Providence	Worcester	Worcester	7	6
25	" 13	Chicago vs. Buffalo...	Chicago	Chicago	6	0
26	" 13	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	1	0
27	" 14	" " "	"	Cleveland	6	3
28	" 14	Chicago vs. Buffalo...	Chicago	Chicago	2	1
29	" 14	Worcester vs. Boston...	Boston	Boston	6	5
30	" 14	Troy City vs. Providence	Providence	Providence	6	5
31	" 15	" " "	"	Troy City	6	4
32	" 15	Chicago vs. Buffalo...	Chicago	Chicago	6	3
33	" 15	Worcester vs. Boston...	Worcester	Worcester	6	3
34	" 15	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cleveland	5	3
35	" 17	Worcester vs. Boston...	Worcester	Worcester	19	10
36	" 18	Troy City vs. Worcester	Troy	Troy City	10	1
37	" 18	Cincinnati vs. Buffalo...	Cincinnati	Buffalo	6	5
38	" 18	Chicago vs. Cleveland...	Chicago	Chicago	10	6
39	" 20	" " "	"	"	3	1
40	" 20	Troy City vs. Worcester	Troy	Troy City	5	2
41	" 20	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence	1	0
42	" 21	" " "	Boston	"	17	4
43	" 22	" " "	"	"	9	2

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					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
44	May 22	Worcester vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Worcester..	15	2
45	" 22	Cincinnati vs. Buffalo	Cincinnati	Buffalo...	2	1
46	" 22	Chicago vs. Cleveland	Chicago...	Chicago...	8	5
47	" 24	Cincinnati vs. Buffalo	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	17	4
48	" 24	Boston vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Troy City..	8	1
49	" 25	"	".....	Boston....	14	7
50	" 25	Chicago vs. Buffalo	Buffalo...	Chicago...	8	2
51	" 25	Providence vs. Worcester	Providence	Providence	7	1
52	" 25	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	6	5
53	" 26	"	".....	".....	6	2
54	" 26	Buffalo vs. Chicago	Buffalo.	Chicago...	4	2
55	" 26	Worcester vs. Providence	Worcester	Worcester	10	2
56	" 27	"	".....	Providence	4	1
57	" 27	Buffalo vs. Chicago	Buffalo...	Chicago...	11	0
58	" 27	Boston vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Boston....	5	2
59	" 29	" vs. Chicago	Boston....	".....	11	10
60	" 29	Providence vs. Cleveland	Providence	Cleveland..	3	0
61	" 29	Worcester vs. Cincinnati	Worcester	Cincinnati	8	2
62	" 29	Troy City vs. Buffalo	Troy.....	Troy City..	5	1
63	" 31	"	".....	Buffalo..	19	10
64	June 1	Chicago vs. Boston	Boston....	Boston...	5	4
65	" 1	Cleveland vs. Providence	Providence	Cleveland..	8	7
66	" 1	Worcester vs. Cincinnati	Worcester	Worcester	13	0
67	" 2	Chicago vs. Boston	Boston....	Chicago...	5	4
68	" 2	Cleveland vs. Providence	Providence	Providence	8	5
69	" 2	Troy City vs. Buffalo	Troy	Troy City..	10	2
70	" 3	Worcester vs. Cincinnati	Worcester	Worcester	4	0
71	" 4	" vs. Buffalo	".....	Buffalo...	6	1
72	" 4	Boston vs. Cleveland	Boston....	Cleveland..	5	2
73	" 4	Cincinnati vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Troy City..	4	0
74	" 5	"	".....	Troy City..	9	5
75	" 5	Boston vs. Cleveland	Boston....	Cleveland..	5	2
76	" 5	Chicago vs. Providence	Providence	Chicago...	6	3
77	" 5	Buffalo vs. Worcester	Worcester	Buffalo...	3	1
78	" 7	Chicago vs. Providence	Providence	Chicago...	7	1
79	" 8	"	".....	".....	6	4
80	" 8	Cincinnati vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Troy City..	3	2
81	" 9	Boston vs. Cleveland	Boston....	Boston....	4	3
82	" 9	Worcester vs. Buffalo	Worcester	Worcester	8	5
83	" 10	" vs. Cleveland	".....	".....	5	0
84	" 10	Chicago vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Chicago...	8	5
85	" 10	Buffalo vs. Boston	Boston....	Boston....	19	3
86	" 10	Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	3	0
87	" 11	Chicago vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Chicago...	10	5
88	" 12	Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	11	4
89	" 12	Buffalo vs. Boston	Boston....	Buffalo...	5	0
90	" 12	Worcester vs. Cleveland	Worcester	Worcester	1	0
91	" 14	"	".....	Cleveland..	7	1
92	" 14	Buffalo vs. Boston	Boston....	Boston....	5	0
93	" 14	Troy City vs. Chicago	Troy.....	Chicago...	16	2
94	" 14	Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	6	1

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					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
95	June 16	Providence vs. Buffalo...	Providence	Providence	5	2
96	" 16	Chicago vs. Worcester...	Worcester	Chicago ...	7	6
97	" 16	Boston vs. Cincinnati...	Boston.....	Boston	11	2
98	" 16	Cleveland vs. Troy City...	Troy.....	Cleveland..	9	5
99	" 17	" "	"	"	14	7
100	" 17	Boston vs. Cincinnati...	Boston.....	Cincinnati.	13	2
101	" 17	Chicago vs. Worcester...	Worcester	Chicago ...	11	8
102	" 17	Providence vs. Buffalo...	Providence	Providence	5	0
103	" 19	" "	"	"	8	3
104	" 19	Chicago vs. Worcester...	Worcester	Chicago ...	8	7
105	" 19	Boston vs. Cincinnati...	Boston....	Boston....	7	6
106	" 19	Troy City vs. Cleveland...	Troy.....	Cleveland...	18	6
107	" 22	" vs Chicago...	Chicago....	Chicago ...	5	2
108	" 22	Buffalo vs. Boston.....	Buffalo...	Buffalo....	9	4
109	" 22	Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Providence	10	5
110	" 22	Cincinnati vs. Worcester	Cincinnati.	Worcester.	5	2
111	" 23	" "	"	"	8	3
112	" 23	Chicago vs. Troy City	Chicago....	Chicago ...	10	4
113	" 23	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Buffalo....	Boston....	7	6
114	" 23	Providence vs. Cleveland	Cleveiand..	Providence	4	1
115	" 24	" "	"	Cleveland..	5	4
116	" 24	Chicago vs. Troy City...	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	9	3
117	" 24	Buffalo vs. Boston.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo...	7	6
118	" 24	Cincinnati vs. Worcester	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	7	5
119	" 26	Chicago vs.	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	4	0
120	" 26	Providence vs. Buffalo...	Buffalo...	Providence	4	3
121	" 26	Cleveland vs. Boston...	Cleveland..	Boston....	6	0
122	" 28	" "	"	"	7	5
123	" 28	Buffalo vs. Providence...	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	3	2
124	" 28	Chicago vs. Worcester...	Chicago....	Chicago ...	4	1
125	" 29	" "	"	"	9	5
126	" 29	Boston vs. Cleveland ...	Cleveland.	Cleveland..	6	5
127	" 29	Buffalo vs. Providence...	Buffalo....	Providence	7	2
128	" 30	Cincinnati vs. Troy City	Cincinnati.	Troy City..	4	1
129	July 1	Buffalo " "	Buffalo....	"	4	0
130	" 2	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago....	Chicago ...	10	3
131	" 2	Cleveland vs. Worcester.	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	6	4
132	" 2	Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati.	Providence	5	1
133	" 3	" "	"	"	6	4
134	" 3	Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Buffalo....	Troy City..	8	7
125	" 3	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago....	Chicago ...	6	1
136	" 5	" vs. Providence	"	"	3	2
137	" 5	Boston vs. Cincinnati...	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	7	2
138	" 5	Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	5	4
139	" 5	Buffalo vs. Worcester....	Buffalo ...	Buffalo....	1	0
140	" 6	" "	"	"	7	3
141	" 6	Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Chicago....	7	1
142	" 6	Cincinnati vs. Boston...	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	5	2
143	" 6	Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Cleveland..	Troy City	8	1
144	" 8	" "	"	"	5	2
145	" 8	Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Chicago ...	5	4

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					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
146	July 8	Boston vs. Cincinnati...	Cincinnati.	Boston....	19	5
147	" 8	Buffalo vs. Worcester ...	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	10	2
148	" 10	" Cincinnati...	"	Cincinnati.	2	1
149	" 10	Cleveland vs. Chicago...	Cleveland.	Cleveland...	2	0
150	" 10	Troy City vs. Providence	Troy.....	Troy City ..	7	0
151	" 10	Boston vs. Worcester...	Boston....	Worcester.	3	0
152	" 13	" "	Worcester.	"	9	8
153	" 13	Chicago vs. Cleveland...	Cleveland.	Chicago...	3	0
154	" 13	Providence vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Troy City ..	6	4
155	" 13	Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	10	7
156	" 14	" "	"	"	5	3
157	" 14	Chicago vs. Cleveland...	Cleveland.	Cleveland..	4	1
158	" 14	Providence vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Providence	7	2
159	" 14	Boston vs. Worcester...	Boston...	Worcester.	6	5
160	" 16	Cleveland vs. "	Worcester.	Cleveland..	5	4
161	" 16	Chicago vs. Troy.....	Troy.....	Chicago...	6	2
162	" 16	Buffalo vs. Providence...	Providence	Buffalo...	1	0
163	" 16	Cincinnati vs. Boston...	Boston....	Cincinnati.	4	0
164	" 17	" "	"	Boston....	4	0
165	" 17	Chicago vs. Troy City...	Troy.....	Chicago...	11	4
166	" 17	Buffalo vs. Providence...	Providence	Providence	5	4
167	" 17	Cleveland vs. Worcester.	Worcester.	Worcester.	7	1
168	" 19	Chicago vs. Troy City...	Troy.....	Troy City ..	12	9
169	" 21	Cleveland "	"	Cleveland..	3	1
170	" 21	Chicago vs. Worcester...	Worcester.	Chicago...	4	1
171	" 21	Boston vs. Cincinnati...	Boston....	Boston...	4	2
172	" 21	Providence vs. Buffalo...	Providence	Providence	6	3
173	" 22	" vs. Cincinnati	"	"	6	3
174	" 22	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston....	Boston....	4	1
175	" 23	" "	"	"	4	2
176	" 23	Worcester vs. Chicago...	Worcester.	Chicago...	3	1
177	" 23	Troy City vs. Cleveland...	Troy.....	Cleveland..	10	2
178	" 23	Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	5	0
179	" 24	" "	"	Cincinnati.	3	2
180	" 24	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston....	Boston....	14	1
181	" 24	Worcester vs. Chicago...	Worcester.	Worcester.	4	3
182	" 24	Troy City vs. Cleveland.	Troy.....	Cleveland..	8	4
183	" 27	" vs. Buffalo...	"	Troy.....	8	6
184	" 27	Chicago vs. Providence...	Providence	Providence	6	2
185	" 27	Boston vs. Cleveland ...	Boston....	Cleveland...	5	2
186	" 27	Worcester vs. Cincinnati	Worcester.	Worcester.	3	1
187	" 29	" "	"	"	3	2
188	" 29	Troy City vs. Buffalo....	Troy.....	Troy City ..	9	2
189	" 29	Providence vs. Chicago...	Providence	Providence	8	4
190	" 29	Boston vs. Cleveland....	Boston....	Boston....	7	0
191	" 30	Troy City vs. Buffalo...	Troy.....	Troy City ..	7	6
192	" 31	Boston vs. Cleveland ...	Boston....	Cleveland..	7	2
193	" 31	Providence vs. Chicago...	Providence	Chicago...	4	1
194	" 31	Worcester vs. Cincinnati	Worcester.	Worcester..	6	5
195	Aug. 5	" vs. Buffalo ..	"	Buffalo...	4	3
196	" 5	Chicago vs. Boston	Boston....	Chicago...	3	0

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					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
197	Aug. 5	Troy City vs. Cincinnati.	Troy	Troy City ..	1	0
198	" 5	Providence vs. Cleveland	Providence	Providence	2	1
199	" 6	" "	"	"	6	0
200	" 6	Boston vs. Chicago.....	Boston . . .	Boston . . .	4	3
201	" 6	Troy City vs. Cincinnati.	Troy	Troy City ..	4	2
202	" 6	Buffalo vs. Worcester ..	Worcester .	Buffalo . . .	4	0
203	" 7	" "	"	Worcester .	2	1
204	" 7	Boston vs. Chicago.....	Boston	Chicago . . .	6	3
205	" 7	Cincinnati vs. Troy City.	Troy	Troy City ..	5	3
206	" 7	Providence vs. Cleveland	Providence	Providence	9	0
207	" 10	" vs. Chicago..	Chicago . . .	Chicago . . .	5	1
208	" 10	Boston vs. Cincinnati....	Cincinnati .	Boston	9	3
209	" 10	Troy City vs. Buffalo . .	Buffalo . . .	Troy City ..	3	2
210	" 10	Cleveland vs. Worcester.	Cleveland .	Cleveland ..	5	0
211	" 11	" "	"	"	3	2
212	" 11	Troy City vs. Buffalo. . .	Buffalo	Troy City ..	4	1
213	" 12	" "	"	"	5	1
214	" 12	Boston vs. Cincinnati....	Cincinnati .	Cincinnati .	11	2
215	" 12	Providence vs. Chicago..	Chicago . . .	Providence	6	4
216	" 12	Worcester vs. Cleveland.	Cleveland ..	Cleveland ..	8	3
217	" 13	" "	"	Worcester .	3	1
218	" 14	Boston vs. Cincinnati...	Cincinnati .	Boston	6	2
219	" 14	Troy City vs. Buffalo ..	Buffalo	Troy City ..	16	1
220	" 14	Providence vs. Chicago..	Chicago . . .	Chicago . . .	5	3
221	" 16	Cleveland vs. Worcester.	Cleveland ..	Worcester ..	3	1
222	" 16	" "	"	"	8	2
223	" 17	" Troy City. . .	"	Cleveland ..	5	3
224	" 17	Chicago vs. Boston . . .	Chicago	Chicago . . .	14	6
225	" 17	Buffalo vs. Worcester....	Buffalo	Buffalo . . .	6	1
226	" 17	Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati .	Providence	4	2
227	" 18	" "	"	"	3	2
228	" 18	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago	Chicago . . .	7	1
229	" 19	" "	"	"	6	0
230	" 19	Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati .	Providence	5	2
231	" 20	Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Cleveland ..	Troy City ..	5	2
232	" 20	Buffalo vs. Worcester....	Buffalo	Buffalo . . .	1	0
233	" 21	" "	"	Worcester .	8	0
234	" 21	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago	Chicago . . .	11	2
235	" 21	Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Cleveland ..	Cleveland ..	1	0
236	" 23	Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati .	Cincinnati .	5	3
237	" 24	Cleveland vs. "	Cleveland ..	Providence	5	0
238	" 24	Worcester vs. Chicago...	Chicago	Chicago	2	1
239	" 24	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Buffalo	Boston	11	2
240	" 24	Cincinnati vs. Troy City.	Cincinnati .	Troy City ..	11	1
241	" 25	" "	"	Cincinnati .	5	3
242	" 26	Chicago vs. Worcester...	Chicago	Chicago . . .	9	4
243	" 26	Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland ..	Providence	4	3
244	" 27	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Buffalo	Boston	5	3
245	" 27	Cincinnati vs. Troy City.	Cincinnati .	Troy City ..	3	2
246	" 28	" "	"	"	13	2
247	" 28	Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland ..	Providence	6	0

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					Winning Club.	Lossing Club.
248	Aug. 29	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Buffalo ...	Boston ...	4	2
249	" 30	Chicago vs. Worcester...	Chicago ...	Worcester ...	4	4
250	" 31	" vs. Troy City....	"	Chicago ...	2	1
251	" 31	Buffalo vs. Providence...	Buffalo ...	Providence ...	3	2
252	" 31	Boston vs. Cleveland...	Cleveland...	Cleveland ...	5	3
253	" 31	Cincinnati vs. Worcester.	Cincinnati ...	Cincinnati ...	7	5
254	Sept. 1	" "	"	Worcester...	8	4
255	" 1	Boston vs. Cleveland ...	Cleveland...	Cleveland...	10	5
256	" 1	Providence vs. Buffalo...	Buffalo ...	Providence ...	6	3
257	" 2	" "	"	"	7	1
258	" 2	Cleveland vs. Boston....	Cleveland...	Boston ...	6	2
259	" 2	Chicago vs. Troy City ...	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	1	0
260	" 2	" "	"	Troy City ...	5	1
261	" 4	" vs. Buffalo....	Buffalo ...	Chicago ...	6	5
262	" 4	Boston vs. Troy City....	Troy City ...	Boston ...	4	3
263	" 4	Providence vs. Worcester	Providence ...	Providence ...	5	3
264	" 6	" "	"	"	4	1
265	" 6	Troy vs. Boston	Troy	Troy City ...	5	2
266	" 6	Buffalo vs. Chicago....	Buffalo ...	Chicago ...	9	6
267	" 6	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati.	Cleveland...	Cleveland ...	1	0
268	" 7	" "	"	Cincinnati ...	5	4
269	" 7	" "	"	Cleveland ...	6	0
270	" 7	Buffalo vs. Chicago....	Buffalo ...	Chicago ...	7	4
271	" 7	Boston vs. Troy City....	Troy	Troy City ...	6	3
272	" 8	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati.	Cleveland...	Cleveland ...	4	2
273	" 8	Providence vs. Worcester	Providence ...	Providence ...	8	5
274	" 9	Boston vs. "	Boston ...	Worcester ...	7	0
275	" 9	Cleveland vs. Chicago...	Cleveland...	Chicago ...	5	3
276	" 9	Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Buffalo ...	Cincinnati ...	6	2
277	" 9	Providence vs. Troy City.	Troy	Providence ...	1	0
278	" 10	Cleveland vs. Chicago...	Cleveland...	Chicago ...	8	5
279	" 11	" "	"	Cleveland ...	2	0
280	" 11	Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Buffalo ...	Buffalo ...	19	2
281	" 11	Troy City vs. Providence.	Albany ...	Troy City ...	6	4
282	" 11	Boston vs. Worcester...	Boston ...	Boston ...	4	1
283	" 13	" "	"	"	7	1
284	" 14	Troy City vs. "	Troy	Worcester ...	11	2
285	" 14	Buffalo vs. Cleveland...	Buffalo ...	Cleveland ...	7	6
286	" 14	Cincinnati vs Chicago...	Cincinnati ...	Cincinnati ...	5	2
287	" 15	" "	"	Chicago ...	5	2
288	" 15	Buffalo vs. Cleveland....	Buffalo ...	Buffalo ...	4	3
289	" 15	Boston vs. Providence...	Boston ...	Boston ...	5	4
290	" 16	" "	"	Providence ...	10	7
291	" 16	Buffalo vs. Cleveland...	Buffalo ...	Cleveland ...	5	4
292	" 16	Cincinnati vs. Chicago...	Cincinnati ...	Chicago ...	17	9
293	" 16	Troy City vs. Worcester..	Troy	Worcester ...	6	2
294	" 17	" "	"	"	3	1
295	" 17	Boston vs. Providence...	Boston ...	Boston ...	13	1
296	" 18	" "	"	"	4	1
297	" 18	Cleveland vs. Buffalo...	Cleveland...	Cleveland...	8	3
298	" 18	Worcester vs. Troy City.	Worcester ...	Troy City ...	4	3

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					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
299	Sept. 20	Worcester vs. Troy City..	Worcester.	Troy City..	7	1
300	" 20	Providence vs. Boston....	Providence.	Providence	5	0
301	" 20	Chicago vs. Cincinnati...	Chicago....	Chicago ...	8	3
302	" 21	" "	"	"	5	4
303	" 21	Cleveland vs. Buffalo....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	11	4
304	" 21	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence	3	1
305	" 21	Worcester vs. Troy City.	Worcester.	Worcester.	17	2
306	" 22	Providence vs. "	Providence	Providence	7	3
307	" 22	Cleveland vs. Buffalo....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	8	1
308	" 22	Chicago vs. Cincinnati...	Chicago....	Chicago....	5	3
309	" 23	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence	Providence	12	0
310	" 23	Worcester vs. Boston....	Worcester.	Worcester..	9	4
311	" 24	" "	"	"	16	2
312	" 24	Providence vs. Troy City.	Providence	Providence	2	1
313	" 24	Cincinnati vs. Buffalo...	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	8	5
314	" 24	Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Chicago ...	Chicago ...	8	6
315	" 25	" "	"	Cleveland..	8	3
316	" 25	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence	Troy City..	3	1
317	" 25	Worcester vs. Boston....	Worcester..	Boston	8	3
318	" 27	Cincinnati vs. Buffalo...	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	6	4
319	" 27	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence	Providence	5	3
320	" 27	Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Chicago....	Chicago....	7	2
321	" 28	" vs. Buffalo.....	"	"	5	3
322	" 28	Boston vs. Troy City....	Boston.....	Troy City	7	6
323	" 28	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland	Cincinnati.	Cleveland..	7	3
324	" 29	" "	"	"	8	2
325	" 29	Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago....	Buffalo.....	19	10
326	" 29	Worcester vs. Providence	Worcester..	Worcester..	5	4
327	" 29	Boston vs. Troy City.....	Boston.....	Boston.....	6	5
328	" 30	" "	"	"	4	3
329	" 30	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	2	0
330	" 30	Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago ..	Chicago ...	10	8
331	Oct. 1	Worcester vs. Providence	Worcester..	Providence	8	1
332	" 1	" "	"	Worcester..	5	1
Total.....					2222	877

Total Number of Runs Scored, 3,099.

RUNS SCORED BY CLUBS.

Chicago.....	532	Opponents, 311
Providence.....	399	" 279
Cleveland.....	383	" 333
Troy City.....	392	" 438
Worcester.....	394	" 352
Boston.....	408	" 448
Buffalo.....	314	" 485
Cincinnati.....	277	" 453
	3099	3099

Average number of runs scored per game by winning clubs..... 6.69

Average number of runs scored per game by losing clubs..... 2.64

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL
 SCHEDULE OF LEAGUE GAMES FOR 1881.

1881.	At Chicago.	At Detroit.	At Cleveland.	At Buffalo.	At Boston.	At Providence.	At Worcester.	At Troy.
Chicago.	July 22	May 5	July 16	June 17	June 11	June 4	May 30	
	" 23	" 6	" 19	" 18	" 14	" 7	June 1	
	" 26	" 7	" 20	" 21	" 16	" 9	" 2	
	Aug. 27	Sept. 2	Sept. 8	Sept. 13	Sept. 17	Sept. 28	Sept. 23	
	" 30	" 3	" 9	" 14	" 20	" 29	" 26	
Detroit.	" 31	" 6	" 10	" 15	" 21	" 30	" 27	" 27
	Aug. 9		July 16	May 5	June 11	June 17	May 30	June 6
	" 11		" 19	" 6	" 14	" 18	June 1	" 7
	" 13		" 20	" 7	" 15	" 21	" 2	" 9
	" 20		Aug. 16	Sept. 2	Sept. 17	Sept. 13	Sept. 23	Sept. 28
Cleveland	" 23		" 17	" 3	" 20	" 14	" 24	" 29
	" 25		" 18	" 6	" 21	" 15	" 27	" 30
	May 2	Aug. 2		July 22	May 30	June 4	June 17	June 13
	" 3	" 4		" 23	June 1	" 7	" 18	" 14
	" 4	" 6		" 26	" 2	" 9	" 21	" 16
Buffalo.	July 28	Sept. 8		Aug. 27	Sept. 28	Sept. 23	Sept. 17	Sept. 13
	" 29	" 9		" 30	" 29	" 24	" 20	" 14
	" 30	" 10		" 31	" 30	" 27	" 21	" 15
	Aug. 2	May 2	Aug. 9		June 4	May 30	June 11	June 17
	" 4	" 3	" 11		" 7	June 1	" 14	" 20
Boston.	" 6	" 4	" 13		" 9	" 2	" 16	" 21
	" 16	July 28	" 20		Sept. 23	Sept. 28	Sept. 13	Sept. 17
	" 17	" 29	" 23		" 24	" 29	" 14	" 19
	" 18	" 30	" 25		" 27	" 30	" 15	" 21
	May 20	May 25	May 14	May 10		May 3	July 22	July 16
Provid' ce	" 21	" 26	" 17	" 11		" 4	" 26	" 18
	" 24	" 28	" 18	" 12		" 6	Aug. 4	" 20
	July 4	July 9	June 24	June 29		Aug. 8	" 20	Aug. 27
	" 5	" 12	" 25	" 30		" 13	" 23	" 29
	" 7	" 13	" 27	July 2		Sept. 8	" 25	" 31
Worcester	May 25	May 20	May 10	May 14	May 3		July 19	July 22
	" 26	" 21	" 11	" 17	" 5		" 28	" 25
	" 27	" 24	" 12	" 18	" 7		" 30	" 26
	June 24	June 29	July 4	July 9	Aug. 11		Aug. 16	Sept. 2
	" 25	" 30	" 5	" 12	Sept. 7		" 17	" 3
Troy City.	" 27	July 2	" 7	" 13	" 10		" 18	" 5
	May 14	May 10	May 25	May 20	July 23	July 16		May 5
	" 17	" 11	" 26	" 21	Aug. 2	" 20		" 6
	" 18	" 12	" 28	" 24	" 6	" 29		" 7
	July 9	July 4	June 29	June 24	Sept. 2	Aug. 27		Sept. 7
Troy City.	" 12	" 5	" 20	" 25	" 3	" 30		" 8
	" 13	" 7	July 2	" 27	" 5	" 31		" 10
	May 10	May 14	May 20	May 25	July 28	Aug. 2	May 2	
Troy City.	" 11	" 17	" 21	" 26	" 29	" 4	" 3	
	" 12	" 18	" 24	" 28	" 30	" 6	" 4	
	June 29	June 24	July 9	July 4	Aug. 16	" 20	Aug. 9	
	" 30	" 25	" 12	" 5	" 17	" 23	" 11	
Troy City.	July	" 27	" 13	" 7	" 18	" 25	" 13	

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